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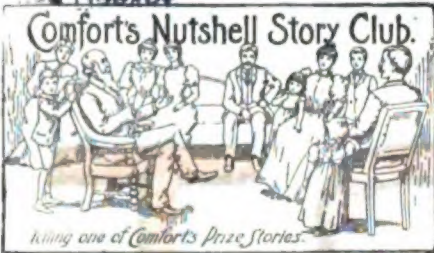
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A PERILOUS PROXY.

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UT surely, Colonel Ashcroft, you don't believe those disagreeable things," asserted dainty Mrs. Pelton with a touch of dismay in her tone, as she addressed the returned traveller.

"Don't be so sure of that, Puss," laughed her husband. "I tell you he's a Yogi, an adept, a Thaumaturgist, a whatever-you-may-call-him, in short he's a b-a-a-d man and he has all the tricks of the imp of darkness up his sleeve."

The Colonel smiled lazily and not at all displeasedly. "You are both right," he said. "I don't believe in these wild forces, I simply practice them."

"Why, you horrid creature!" said the lady with a nervous little laugh, "you will make us glad that you are going away to-morrow."

"Oh, distance doesn't always interfere with my esoteric wickedness," retorted the Colonel mockingly. "If I can but fix my evil eye on an unsuspecting wretch," and here the Colonel glowered as balefully as possible at the husband, while watching with sinister delight the effect upon the wife, "he's mine, he's mine, he's mine!"

The Colonel growled out these words melodramatically and broke off into a laugh. Mrs. Pelton thought it a not wholly pleasant one.

"Capital!" cried Pelton. "I say, old man you couldn't get your furlough extended, could you? But of course you wouldn't want to, not with the chance of real service at hand after all your years of barracks rust. Use your black arts on the Spaniard. I expect to hear that General Miles has sent you as an army of one to batter down Morro Castle with an incantation, a few mesmeric passes and a blast from a ram's horn."

"Oh, of course I must go," said the Colonel. "Still, if I had your thousands and your ties," with a gallant little nod at Mrs. Pelton, "I'm not sure that I should take any chances of curtailing my enjoyment of them."

There was a covetous gleam in the mottled eyes and a sinister smirk to the iron-grey mustache which Mrs. Pelton did not like, and she hastily interjected, "Speaking of mesmeric passes, do you believe in them? Mr. Pelton and I went to see Rantanelli and Reynard and others, but we—well, it was all so silly, don't you know?"

"Cheap charlatans!" ejaculated the Colonel, contemptuously. "Men with some little power, certainly, but how crude their methods and how incomplete their control. They appear to wholly lack the power of graduation. The men I have seen could regulate their influence with almost as much accuracy as an electrician can regulate the amount of power which shall pass over the wires from his coils and batteries. More, they can turn their forces full upon a subject and then release all but a single dribble, so to speak, a single silken thread which binds the subject to them, no matter what time has elapsed or distance intervened. Both of you have known people who had some singularly recurring disease, as hay-fever, for instance, which returned every year on the same day, almost at the same hour. Such cases, in my opinion, are occasioned by personal influence. What other hypothesis is tenable? We can't imagine a disease to have a malevolent intelligence, which enables it to estimate time so accurately. If it is objected that a change of climate will often obviate the recurrence, I need only answer that many influences are restricted to certain zones, and if the subject chances to find the antithetical zone to that in which the influence has been working, then the power of the influence is lost. Several consecutive breakings of the spell wears it away and the sufferer often finds that he is 'cured' and can again exist in his former zone. Now if the so-called disease were merely a climatic influence upon a membrane, why would it be subject to such a cure?"

"What you say is very interesting," objected

Pelton, "but I myself have suffered from hay-fever and I'm very sure I was never under any occult influence, as you term it."

"That may be so," replied the Colonel, but one watching him closely might have noticed his manner change. A strange gleam came into his mottled eyes and a firm tense note into his low, deep voice as he continued. "I have known men, however, who could control your mind without any of the usual forewarnings, without touching your hand, without unduly attracting your attention and with hardly more than a glance in the eye."

The Colonel had never taken his eye from Pelton's and while he spoke he slipped his hand along towards the other's until, as it approached quite near, Pelton's hand shot into his with a sudden involuntary movement, much as a piece of quiescent iron suddenly claps into contact with an approaching magnet. The Colonel did not stop his low, droning speech a second.

"Without any contact of nerve centers." He laid his hand carelessly on Pelton's shoulder as if to merely emphasize his words, but while he spoke his fingers passed to the base of Pelton's skull. "Without any of the common chicanery." His voice was lower than ever. "Without even—" the last words seemed hurried and were lost in a whisper.

When the Colonel had begun to speak, Pelton sat with his customary smile upon his face, but as the speaker progressed his face appeared to become expressionless, yet without changing a muscle. The corpse of a smile was there. The spirit had fled. Now as the Colonel sank, with seeming laziness, back into his chair and slowly closed the eyes still directed towards Pelton, Pelton gave a hardly perceptible start and said confusedly: "I declare!—I beg pardon, but I've got a touch of headache. I—I didn't notice it till just now. What's that you were just saying about hay-fever, Ashcroft?"

"Why, Fred, you never have headaches!" cried Mrs. Pelton. "What do you suppose ails his head, Colonel Ashcroft?"

"You forget I haven't known Fred and his headaches for years," laughed the Colonel.

"Why of course. How absurd of me. I don't know why I asked you," replied the wife a little foolishly.

It was exactly a month later, though neither Mr. nor Mrs. Pelton noticed the circumstance, that this pair were seated in the cosy, cushioned library which was the delight of Mrs. Pelton's heart, but which was chiefly valued by her husband as a lounging and smoking room. On this evening, however, he was reading various of her favorite poems to her. He was well into Owen Meredith's famous "Aux Italiens" and divided his attention between his cigar and the hero's words:

"And I swear, as I thought of her thus, in that hour And of how, after all, old things were best, I smelled the smell of that jasmine flower She used to wear in her breast."

It smelt so faint and it smelt so sweet, It made me creep, and it made me cold Like the scent that steals—

At first Mrs. Pelton thought he had stopped for a puff and a readjustment of his cigar, but when she looked up her husband sat with a perfectly fixed expression as if regarding some one or some thing intently.

"What is it, Fred?" asked his wife, a little startled.

For answer there came a torrent of words, oaths, and angry exclamations. He was not looking at her and his voice was gruff and unnatural.

The bewildered and terrified woman was overwhelmed and knew not what to do.

"Fred!" she cried, when a lull came, "Fred, for God's sake don't do that! Ah, you are trying to frighten me."

"And I say you are a liar and unfit to associate with gentlemen," came the coarse, strange words, which certainly were not a reply. Then an expression of pain shot across his face, another oath shot from his lips and he clutched his right arm with his left hand, his eyes staring hard ahead. Mrs. Pelton felt herself give way, a black wave overwhelmed her and she sank into a chair.

Whether it was seconds or hours that she was unconscious she did not know, but as her senses floated back to her, she heard her husband say:

"Confound it! this cigar's gone out. Where was I? Oh, yes—

—from the winding sheet When a mummy is half unrolled."

Why, why—what the deuce!—what's the matter with my arm?"

Mrs. Pelton sprang to him as well as her still dazed condition would allow, but it was his face, not his arm, she first scanned eagerly.

"Thank God! thank God!" she breathed.

"Eh? For a broken or paralyzed arm?" asked her husband, half laughing, half groaning. "Deuce take it, I never had such a thing happen. I didn't feel a hint of it till I went to raise my hand just now."

Mr. Pelton was not the only one who was puzzled. His physician gave him no satisfaction. He talked learnedly and confusingly and assured his patient that the arm would be all right in a few days.

It did not better as fast as promised, but it gradually recovered its strength, whereas the

good physician congratulated himself heartily and rendered a bill such as a wealthy patron could afford to pay.

Mrs. Pelton watched the arm with a concern which Pelton and the physician tried in vain to allay. When it was quite recovered she breathed more freely, but her husband frequently caught her studying his face with a half questioning, half alarmed expression which instantly changed as soon as detected.

She had not dared to question him about his singular conduct on the evening of the injury to his arm, especially as he seemed totally unconscious of it.

The alarm was gradually wearing away and Mrs. Pelton was becoming her old self again, from the fact that her husband so surely seemed to be his, when the trouble was all brought back again double fold. Mr. Pelton had gone out one evening to his club to attend a social billiard tournament, in which he was a contestant. He was very fond of the game of billiards and usually indulged it by inviting his friends to use his own table, but when it came to a club tournament, it was a temptation he was quite unable to resist. "This blessed arm stopped my practice for so long that I'll be handicapped," he had remarked to his wife, on leaving.

Mrs. Pelton knew the tournament would last until late, and about ten o'clock she began to make preparations to disrobe when she heard a carriage roll to the door.

Her fears instantly returned to her and she hastened to the door herself, in time to meet two gentlemen bearing a third between them. The third was her husband. Before a word was spoken she realized that here was another mystery, but being prepared this time, she forced herself to calmness.

"Don't be alarmed, Mrs. Pelton," one of the bearers was saying, with an attempt at jocularity, "Fred hasn't had a drop—nor yet a fall. He seems to be merely in a prolonged faint. I took the liberty to send for Doctor Bexford to save time."

"I think that's the carriage coming now," said the other gentleman.

Meantime they were bearing him to the couch indicated by the troubled wife, who sank down beside him, pitifully searching his face and chafing his hands and making vain appeals to his unconsciousness.

At that moment in came Dr. Bexford, a portly and slow moving body who rubbed his hands and repeated each syllable with extreme leisure and distinctness.

"Ah, yes, the gentle-man is ill. What are the cir-cum-stan-ces? Um. I see. Yes. Ex-act-ly so. Um. An-y thing to in-du-ce ap-phyx-i-a? Um. Sub-ject to at-tacks of a sim-i-lar na-ture? Um. Yes, rat-her ex-cep-tion-al. No know-ledge of an or-gan-ic heart af-fec-tion? Um. What re-cent strain on his ner-vous sys-tem? Ah! wor-ry over his arm to some ex-tent. Um. Any par-tic-u-lar cir-cum-stance or ex-cite-ment at the club? Um. No, noth-ing to pre-vent a re-turn of con-sci-ous-ness, I should say. Pure-ly func-tion-al trou-ble, prob-ab-ly."

To shorten the good doctor's method, somewhat, the patient presently began to gasp for breath and life came back to the staring countenance. The return of sensation seemed accompanied by pain and he groaned frequently.

He gained slowly and his first words after he was able to speak, were in a hoarse, gruff voice, strangely at variance with his almost feminine appearance. Moreover, they were not addressed to his wife, who was bending over him, but seemingly to the others. "God, fellows!" he gasped, "a close call! What a devilish taste in my mouth! What a lot of salt water inside of me! Well, you can't drown a man born to stop bullets."

The doctor, standing behind him, gravely tapped his forehead. "A lit-tle de-li-ri-um," he whispered to Mrs. Pelton. "Not un-nat-ural, no, not un-nat-ur-al."

But strangely enough, the patient continued to give evidence of a painful distention of the stomach, a bad taste in the mouth and a roaring sound or some foreign substance in his ears.

He seemed much exhausted and presently fell asleep. Pelton's friends and the doctor took the opportunity to withdraw, the latter leaving some simple directions. When they were outside, the doctor asked:

"Hum, A-kers-field, sup-pose you tell me with a degree more of de-fin-ite-ness just what hap-pen-ed."

"Why, it was very sudden," answered Akers-field. "Wasn't it Robinson? Pelton was leaning over the table just about to make a shot. He started to say something about the play, when suddenly he sprawled across the table, with his legs and arms thrashing around like a windmill. At first I thought he was fooling, but when I saw his face all tangled up—by George! Robinson, did you ever see anything like his face?"

"Yes," answered Robinson. "When I was a little fellow, I saw another boy pretty nearly drown once and his face looked just like Pelton's."

"Is that so? Well, he struggled like that two or three minutes, doctor, making awful gasps, as if for breath, every once in a while. Then his senses seemed to leave him and after his body became composed, his face straightened out too. I called two carriages, sent one for

you, and Robinson and I took him home in the other. That Mrs. Pelton is a game little thing, isn't she?"

The "game little thing" sat by her husband's bedside for hours, deeply troubled and perplexed. She had just scanned his features for the hundredth time, partly to see if he was still asleep, but more to assure herself that no further hallucination was visible in his countenance when he suddenly called out, "I think I'll make a draw shot of it," and sat up in bed, gazing at his wife.

"Why, where am I?" he asked after a moment. "What has happened to me? Was I dreaming? No, I came to the Club this evening. Puss, how came you here?"

"Hush, Fred, you've been sick. You're better now."

"Sick? I? No, it was nothing but a sprained arm. I was just thinking to-day that it was a whole month since I hurt it and it took nearly all that time to get well. How did I get here when I went to the Club? I tell you I had Akersfield beaten."

It was evident that he remembered nothing of what he had gone through and this fact sent an added thrill of terror through poor Mrs. Pelton. His remark about its being an even month since his arm was injured started thoughts in her which, as Poe has it, she "had never dared to dream before."

She pondered many days. She could not account for these mysterious lapses in her husband, neither could she confide her fears to any one. As a matter of fact, she didn't quite know what her fears were, but the memory of Ashcroft's remarks haunted her. She called them humbug a hundred times, but always returned to ponder them anew and to strive to recall everything that he had said and had looked and done. One day about three weeks later she had an inspiration. She was sitting with her husband at the time and could hardly repress an excited exclamation, "Fred," she said, with energy. "I want to go to Mackinac."

Her husband started. "When?" he asked. "This week. To-morrow."

"I never knew you were so fond of Mackinac. Isn't it too early?"

"Never mind. We must go to Mackinac, or Nova Scotia, or the Maine coast, or somewhere. Promise me."

"But I can't very well leave and the weather here is delightful."

Mr. Pelton had a hundred objections but Mrs. Pelton had a hundred and one answers and in the end, Mr. Pelton succumbed, so another week saw them safely ensconced at the head of Lake Huron, the gentleman rather bored and the lady nervous and expectant.

Each day she followed her husband's footsteps more and more closely and as the season was young and there was very little to do, she did not find it difficult.

Each day she grew more nervous and one day toward the end of the month she seemed to reach the climax. Not an instant did she leave her husband from under her watchful eyes and she fretted if he even stirred. She dragged him off to bed comparatively early.

Whether it was this, or some more obscure cause, certain it is that toward the end Mr. Pelton seemed to grow restive. After they had reached their room, he expostulated. "Pshaw, Puss, I can't go to bed. To-night, nothing suits me but action. I want to do something. I—I wish I were in Ashcroft's place to-night, with a chance to make a name, to serve my country, to be somebody. Suppose," he cried gayly, "suppose half a dozen of us Yankees started up a dozen or two Spaniards around Santiago. There is a rush, a clashing of sabres and machetes, a peppering fire of rifles and carbines and—ah—"

With a sudden cry, he had flung up his hands, whirled around two or three times and fallen face downward on the floor.

Poor Mrs. Pelton's nerves gave way and cry-

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ing and screaming she fell upon the floor, clasping her husband's head in her arms. But she was not to be tried as severely as on the previous occasions.

Almost immediately her husband staggered to his feet seemingly recovered and clapped his hand to his head.

His wife who had struggled up also and clasped her arms around his neck noticed his lips move and these were his whispered words:

"Without even being conscious that you will be in my place and in my power!" After a little he added aloud: "Something has snapped inside of me, Puss, but I feel better." Another space and he uttered two more words, irrelevant words, but they made Mrs. Pelton turn pale. "Poor Ashcroft!" he said.

It was almost a week later that the hotel proprietor came to the Peltons who were sitting on the long veranda where they had been watching the morning boat come in.

"Mr. Pelton, you mentioned the other day that you knew Colonel Ashcroft," he said with some excitement.

"Yes."

"Well, read that."

"That" was a newspaper article:

"Key West, Fla. Special to The Sun. The dispatch boat Kanapaha brings interesting details of the death of Colonel Ashcroft, previously reported. The Colonel, it seems, was in the habit of sharing the dangers of his men and while a strict disciplinarian, he never gave an order which he would not himself have been ready to obey. This trait was brought out by a little incident which occurred at Tampa, exactly one month before his death. He was superintending the loading of a transport ship, when he gave an order to a man which involved some risk of falling overboard. As the man could not swim, he naturally hesitated, when the impetuous colonel gave him a push to enforce his order. The man fell into the sea and the colonel promptly sprang in after him. Both were nearly drowned before they were rescued. Curiously enough it was just a month before this accident that he was involved in an unlucky quarrel with a fellow officer at Chickamauga and was shot through the arm, though the wound healed with surprising quickness.

"When Colonel Ashcroft was cautioned on the day of his death, he replied laughingly, 'O this is my lucky day. Nothing can hurt me to-day. I have a substitute who suffers for me.' It was this feeling of recklessness which inspired his charge while reconnoitering the enemy's position on that evening with half a dozen men.

"Coming upon a like party of the Spaniards, though of much greater force, the little squad of Americans dashed boldly upon them and scattered them, though not without an exchange of sword-cuts and shots. One of the bullets entered the breast of the brave colonel and he fell from his horse dead. The army has lost a valuable officer and his mourning friends are legion."

"Poor fellow!" sighed Pelton, when he had concluded the article. "And Puss, wasn't it a mighty odd thing that I should have spoken as I did the other night about being Ashcroft and charging the enemy with half a dozen men—you know the night I got that awful vertigo?"

"Very odd, indeed," said Mrs. Pelton and then she added to herself, "And what would it have been if we hadn't changed our zone?"

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It would be hard to conceive of anything which could create so much excitement all over the world as did the kidnapping of the Duchess of Kimborough.

The death of Queen Victoria, or a declaration of a general European war, could hardly have received more space in the newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic, for the marriage of this beautiful, young American heiress to his Grace of Kimborough was still fresh in mind;

while the glowing accounts which had been cabled home of the gowns and jewels of the young Duchess when she was presented at Court and when she had appeared at the famous costume ball which the Duchess of Devonshire gave to the Queen's Jubilee visitors, had only served to intensify the interest in her, and in her new home.

The Duchess had left Kimborough late in the afternoon of a day in November to join her husband in London. She was attended by her maid and a man servant. The latter, who was riding third class, reached the city safely, but the first class compartment reserved for her Grace and her maid was found empty.

The first clue to a possible explanation of the mystery was obtained when the telegraph brought the news that the station agent and guard at Pedford-Byington had been found gagged and bound, by the guards of a goods train which had been stopped there for want of the usual signals. Pedford-Byington was the only station at which the train had stopped on the little-travelled branch from Kimborough to the main line. The agent and guard could give no information beyond the fact that they had been separately set upon, overpow-

THE HUMAN OSTRICH.

"TELL ME WHAT YOU EAT AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU ARE."

The human ostrich. You've seen him probably, in the booth at the fair or circus or on the platform of the dime museum. He has toughened his stomach to the consistency of leather, and lunches on broken bottles, tacks, or ten-penny nails with seeming impunity. He doesn't live long, of course, for he sacrifices life to earn a lazy livelihood.

You would be amazed, perhaps, to be told that you were something like the human ostrich, in the character of your diet, and the risk of life involved.

It is not necessary that you eat glass and nails in order to resemble this monstrosity. The man who plays the part of the human ostrich is an example of depraved appetite in its



most extreme and exaggerated form. The depraved appetite of the average candidate for dyspepsia does not go farther than hot bread and biscuit, rich pastries, highly seasoned dishes, and excessively greasy foods. Add to this improper cooking, haste in eating, and lack of proper rest after a meal, and you have a condition very likely to result in disease and suffering.

Let it be remembered that the sole object of food is nutrition; nutrition not for the body as a whole only, but nutrition for the varying needs of the separate parts of the body; for the muscles, the nerves, the brain, the blood. When the stomach is in a state of healthy activity, Nature, by her remarkable processes, takes the food you supply, and distributes its starches and sugars, its salts and phosphates according to the needs of the separate organs of the body. When the stomach is not in a state of healthy activity, Nature does her best, but the various dependent organs of the body are put on short rations. There is not nourishment enough to supply them properly.

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

A weakened stomach. A stomach incapable of performing its functions fully. The liver and blood-making glands work imperfectly. The natural result is that the food is imperfectly digested and only partly assimilated and the channels of life are choked and stopped by waste and putrescent matter. Some people know where the trouble is. They locate it in the stomach, because they have pain there after eating, an irregular craving for food, or an appetite that eating does not satisfy. There is heaviness after a meal, a feeling of undue fullness. It is hard to breathe, there is such a stuffy feeling about the chest. There may be palpitation or irregular action of the heart and the sufferer imagines he has heart disease. Perhaps the stomach sours, and there are bitter risings and belchings. These symptoms mark various forms and stages of "weak stomach." They will not all be present in every case or in the earlier stages of the disease. Any one of these symptoms locates the trouble in the stomach and the digestive and nutritive functions, which are disturbed.

Quite often there is no apparent connection between the stomach and the symptoms of the disease. The victim thinks it "liver trouble," heart failure, or lung disease. There is a dull pain, perhaps in the back or the side. The spine aches, sometimes "in spots" and sometimes through its whole length. There may be a sharp stitch or pain occasionally. Exercise makes the limbs tremble and the heart beat violently. Perhaps to some of these symptoms there is added an obstinate, stubborn cough.

WHAT IS THE MATTER NOW?

It is another case of *weak stomach*. But, that is not where the pain is. Very likely not. But that is where the trouble is. The stomach has not been able to properly feed the organs dependent upon it. They are starving, they are weak, and they show their weakness in the aches and pains that afflict the various parts of the body. What will set the stomach right? There is one remedy practically infallible in its results and that one remedy is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures because it is made to cure just the conditions of the stomach which give rise to disease.

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ered, and locked up in the luggage room. That robbery of the station was not the object of the attack was evident from the fact that not even the money in the till had been disturbed. Evidently the persons concerned in the affair had disdained any but the biggest game.

It was subsequently learned that in the darkness of the early autumn evening, the station employees having been put out of the way and the attention of the train guard having been diverted by a confederate, six men had entered the first class compartment, and smothering the Duchess and her maid, each of whom was of slight build, in blankets, had removed them by the door opposite to the platform against which the station was built.

On the day but one following the kidnapping the tremendous sensation excited by this was equaled by another, and all the London and New York papers rushed out extras.

The greatest detectives of whom England can boast were employed upon the case and, so far, had found out absolutely nothing. The Duke of Kimborough had offered a reward of five thousand pounds for any information which would lead to the recovery of his young wife, and her father in New York, before chartering the fastest Atlantic liner at the docks of that city, in which to cross the ocean, had cabled that he would give twice as much more.

It was at this time that the second sensation was precipitated.

The Duke of Kimborough received a letter mailed at the general post-office, in London, in which he was informed that the Duchess was safely imprisoned out of his reach, and that she and her maid were being kept under the influence of drugs which for a certain length of time would be harmless, but that if by ten o'clock of the evening of the next day certain conditions were not complied with, the dose would be doubled, the captors of her Grace would safely make their escape, and the two women when found, if they ever were found, would be dead.

The conditions were that two hundred thousand pounds in money be delivered to two messengers who would be at a designated point on the Thames embankment, near the Houses of Parliament at six o'clock, evening, of the following day. It was stipulated that the money

should be in kinds and denominations specified, so that it could not be easily identified afterwards. It was stated that these two men would be secretly watched to see if they were followed. If this was the case, or if they were detained in any way beyond the time mentioned, then these two men, whose task had been assigned to them by lot, understood that they were to be abandoned and the rest of the conspirators were to make their escape, first removing the two prisoners to some place unknown to the two messengers, so that rescue would be impossible. If the money was sent as demanded the two women would be left under such circumstances that when they returned to consciousness, which they would do if unmolested during the night, they would be able to quickly and easily summon help and make their hiding place known.

Inasmuch as the dowry which the American girl had brought to England when she had married the Duke of Kimborough was four millions of pounds the amount demanded was not unreasonably large.

The excitement over the kidnapping was as nothing compared to that which followed this development. It was announced a hundred times, and denied as many, that the Duke had arranged to pay over the money. Fortunately the exact place fixed upon for the rendezvous had been kept from the public, else the Thames embankment would have been black with curious men and women, and Westminster Bridge would have fallen beneath the load crowded upon it. The appointed place was variously said to be anywhere from Whitechapel to the Crystal Palace, and every person guessed a new location. It was said that a thousand police and twice as many soldiers were to be detailed to capture the two messengers.

To tell the truth it is doubtful if the Duke himself knew what to do. His marriage had not been purely one of convenience, and he was sincerely attached to his wife. His first thought was to save her at any cost. Moreover, the terms of his marriage settlement had been such that if his wife died without children practically her whole fortune reverted to her family.

On the other hand it would be almost impossible for him alone to raise the large sum of money demanded in so short a time, and his wife's father, to whom he might have looked for help, was already crossing the ocean, and entirely out of reach.

To complicate the case still more, certain sensational papers had taken up the case of the maid, and were clamoring that an effort be made to rescue her. The working people of London had responded to the appeal, and the police had already been called upon to disperse several assemblages of excited citizens.

Tottenham House, the town residence of the Kimborough family would have been besieged all day with people making suggestions, or offering advice, had it not been that it was guarded. About three o'clock this guard made way to allow two gentlemen who had just driven up to the house to enter. One of these was Lord Alfred Peveril, a younger brother of the Duke. The other was a stranger to Kimborough, but evidently, as soon as his name was pronounced, a well-known man, to whom even so exalted a personage as the head of one of England's oldest families listened with respect. The stranger was a tall man of imposing presence and with a face expressing great individuality.

The conference between this man, Lord Peveril, and the Duke, was earnest, and so long that before a decision was reached the city clock had struck for five. An hour before this the Chief of the Scotland Yard force, who was giving his personal attention to this case, had been sent for to join in the conference. At a quarter before six o'clock all four left the house and were driven to Westminster Bridge. There they were met by ten officers from Scotland Yard in citizen's dress whom the Chief had sent for, and who separately disposed themselves according to his direction so that they would not be conspicuous, and still would be close at hand. By his advice the Duke and Lord Peveril kept somewhat back. The Chief and the stranger each carried a well-filled hand bag.

Just as the hands on the illuminated face of Big Ben stood opposite each other, and the bell was struck for six, two men walked up to the spot where the Chief and his companion stood, and spoke certain words which the letter to the Duke had said would be employed as a means of identification. Before he replied the Chief shifted his satchel from one hand to the other. This had been the signal arranged for his men. Two minutes later both men had been overpowered and disarmed. Two close carriages were at hand. The stranger who had come with Lord Peveril had been closely watching both men through the whole struggle. He now said, pointing to one of the prisoners: "Put that one into that carriage and guard him. I will take this one in here with me."

The man first designated was hurried into one of the carriages, between two deputies, securely handcuffed. The other was put into the remaining carriage, with the man who had given this strange order, the door was closed, and the two men were left alone together. The light from the electric on the Bridge shining in through the windows made the interior of the

carriage light enough so that each man could see the other's face distinctly. The whole capture had been so quickly and quietly effected that it had attracted no attention except from two men, one of whom had been carelessly leaning over the parapet of Westminster Bridge, at some little distance, apparently looking at the water of the Thames beneath him, while the other, not far away, had stopped to light a cigar. A moment later each man had melted into the crowd of the street and sidewalk.

The group of men around the two carriages stood absolutely silent as if waiting for something. The Duke and his brother drew near and joined them. Five minutes passed; eight, ten, before the door of the second carriage opened, and the prisoner stepped out. He did not pay any attention to the men about him, and warned by a gesture from the stranger, who followed close behind him, no one stirred until the prisoner set off at a brisk walk down the embankment, his tall companion keeping close at his side. The others, except for a guard left for the first carriage, followed.

Down the broad walk the party went, past Cleopatra's Needle, past the great pile of buildings known as "Balfour's Bubble," on, steadily on, the prisoner leading the way, but speaking no word, nor giving any look of explanation to his companions.

Of all the chapters of surprises to which this remarkable case gave rise perhaps none was greater than the one which the members of this party received when their guide turned in at the door of the famous and elegant Hotel Metropole. Evidently the hall porter knew him for he swung the door open without hesitation. When he would have looked askance at the rest of the party a signal from the Chief satisfied him. Their guide, still silent, led the way to the left, stopped at the fourth floor, went down a passage, unlocked the door leading into a suite of rooms, unlocked the doors into two inner rooms, and pointed to the Duchess lying upon a bed there.

The men sprang forward. The young woman was still alive, as was also the maid, who was found in an adjoining room. Both had been deeply drugged, but prompt action saved their lives. During all this time the man who had guided the rescuing party to the Hotel stood in the room as if uninterested in what was going on. When Dr. Andresol, for the stranger was no other than the famous French physician who has been so successful in the practice of hypnotism, was satisfied that the two women were out of danger he turned to this man once more, had him handcuffed, and then, clapping his hands before his face removed the hypnotic spell which had bound him. The surprise of the would-be captor when he found himself the captured can be imagined. He and his companion are now doing time. No one else implicated in the kidnapping was ever captured. Although the distance from the Westminster Bridge to the Hotel Metropole is not long, their warning had come in season. Both men were game. Neither ever gave away the story of the plot, and it could only be guessed at from the little the Duchess remembered and the people at the Metropole could tell.

The suite of rooms at that house had been taken a week before the abduction occurred. They were represented to be for a man who had brought his invalid daughter to London for treatment but who did not wish to have her go to a hospital. Each day closely veiled and wrapped she had been carried by his servants out of the hotel, ostensibly to the surgeon's, and later brought back again. When, therefore the unconscious Duchess had been substituted for this dummy, one day, the affair had become so much a matter of course that no one thought of associating it with the mysterious disappearance of her Grace of Kimborough.

Dr. Andresol had happened to be in London. The experiment had suggested itself to him as an interesting one to try. He had felt confident of his success, and had offered his assistance. The Duke had agreed to it because he did not know of anything better to do. The two rewards which had been offered were duly paid, and the doctor used them to endow the now famous hospital in Paris where hypnotism is so successfully employed in surgical cases. The Duchess of Kimborough, when she was quite recovered and returned to society, was more popular and more talked about than ever.

BETH.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ADDIE V. H. BARR.

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R. Max Gavotte was preoccupied as he sat at breakfast; his mother knew it on account of the partial forgetfulness of his table manners, as she had ever boasted, to herself anyway, that no mother in that old-fashioned Southern town had a more courteous son than she.

Her protegee, Beth McDowell, knew it, for twice had he addressed her as "Elizabeth" during the meal, and Dr. Max always did that when in a serious mood.

He aroused himself sufficiently to hear his mother say, "Max, Thanksgiving will be Beth's eighteenth birthday, and I wish her to entertain a few of her friends Thanksgiving evening. It will be four weeks from to-day."

"Certainly, mother, I shall approve of whatever you do, but please pardon my seeming lack of interest this morning, but I must confess I am considerably disturbed. 'Old black mammy' is bed ridden with rheumatism and little Joe is, I fear, taking diphtheria and there isn't a darkey in this whole town who will nurse him. Since that scourge of diphtheria five years ago the word itself strikes terror to every one of them."

The color had slowly stolen from Beth's cheeks. Little Joe was "old black mammy's"

grandson, and the two lived alone in a comfortable little house on the outskirts of the town. Their home had been provided by Max himself for he felt in duty bound to care for his "old black mammy."

Little Joe was Max's body guard whenever he had opportunity and he thought that dainty Beth McDowell must be related to the angels, she was so sweet and gracious.

Beth had quite an affection for the shoney, black-faced little fellow, and to think of his being so ill with no one to care for him made Beth's heart ache. Dr. Max noticed her white face, and he smilingly said:

"Mother, don't let Beth think too much of young Dr. Allen, she can never make a doctor's wife. If he came home saying that he had a case of small-pox, he would most certainly have a case of nervous prostration at home."

"You are unkind, Max," said Mrs. Gavotte, seeing the tears spring to Beth's eyes. "Beth has never been tested, yet such natures as hers shrink from seeing even a dumb brute suffer."

"Never mind, Beth, it's no crime not to be a heroine," said Dr. Max, arising from the table and making preparations for his morning calls. Just as Dr. Max was lifting the gate latch he heard light feet behind him, and Beth laid her hand on his arm.

"Max, will Joe die if he is not cared for?"

"I am afraid he will, Beth. Why do you ask, little girl?"

But Beth had flitted back up the gravel walk as fast as she had come. Dr. Max stood still and looked after the slight figure. It was difficult to realize that this little girl whom his mother had taken to her heart eight years ago, was now a young woman.

"How I wish she was more of a woman and less of a child," thought Dr. Max as he drove down the street.

Dr. Max Gavotte was thirty-five years of age, and had been a practicing physician for four years. He had spent several years in Germany, studying his profession, and upon his return home, he delighted his mother's fond heart by remaining in his native town instead of going to some great city.

His practice comprised two large towns situated near each other, with some country practice intervening. It seemed that he was wedded to his profession, but if his name was ever coupled with that of another, Beth had a strange sensation as if something was tugging at her heart, an unexplainable, indefinable something.

Dr. Max knew to whom to go if he wanted a *bonnet* made or initials worked in his handkerchiefs, or who could rest his tired head by reading so smoothly or singing quaint little songs in a sweet, fresh voice, yet Dr. Max had more or less conceit and his ideas concerning what sort of a wife he wanted were well formulated and it was his opinion that he would never marry unless he found such a one.

Above all other virtues she must be heroic.

Poor little Joe certainly thought Beth of the family of angels, and people of intelligence likened her to a fairy, and fairy-like she was in every movement. If she bought any article of wearing apparel, her deft fingers added something to make it prettier. Her mind had not been neglected; she read good books, and thought good earnest thoughts, but with it all she could not help being "dainty Beth."

A few moments after her son's departure Mrs. Gavotte felt a pair of arms steal around her neck and heard a tearful voice say:

"Auntie, does Max really think I am such a coward? But, Auntie, I have never had any great opportunity of showing you and Max how grateful I am. I almost wish Max would have some dreadful disease so that I could nurse him."

"No need of such heroic measures," Mrs. Gavotte laughingly said, "dearie, we both know of your gratitude."

The following morning was cold and gloomy and Dr. Max was gloomier than the morning previous. No nurse could be found for Joe. Dr. Max had spent three hours with him the night before, for the boy really had diphtheria in a malignant form.

"It is an outrage!" Dr. Max exclaimed, "for such a thing to happen in a civilized community."

Dr. Max was scarcely at the home of his first patient that morning when Beth appeared before Mrs. Gavotte with her long, gray coat and little blue hat on, and a basket on her arm. Mrs. Gavotte looked at her inquiringly.

"I am going to nurse Joe," Beth simply said. "No, no, Beth, my child!" Mrs. Gavotte exclaimed. "What will Max say?"

"He, at least, cannot say I am a coward," answered Beth, quietly, "but, Auntie, that does not prompt me; I wish to relieve Joe if I can. Please do not oppose me."

"But, Beth," said Mrs. Gavotte, "when Max finds you there, he will insist on your returning."

"No, I do not believe he will," said Beth. "And, Auntie dear, don't worry," said she, kissing Mrs. Gavotte, and then hurrying toward "old black mammy's."

When Dr. Max called at the cottage at ten o'clock that morning he found a cheerful fire in the large fireplace and Joe's trundle bed near the fire; and he smelled oyster soup cooking in the next room, the kitchen.

Joe's face lighted up when he saw Dr. Max, and he said, "Oh, Marse Max, how good you is to me; jest to think what you's done for me—"

"Yes, Marse Max, honey, how could yer let her come?" chimed in "old black mammy" from the bed in the corner.

"Let who come?" asked Dr. Max.

"W'y, Missie, thar she is now bringin' watah from de pump wid dem little han's o' her'n—"

Dr. Max's brown eyes opened in astonishment, for Beth was just entering the back door with her fair hair blowing about her face and her blue eyes shining with something—Dr. Max knew not what.

"I came to stay with Joe,—and," said she reluctantly, "to relieve your mind, Max."

To Dr. Max it seemed as if a revolution had taken place. Where was the supposed Beth of yesterday?

"Beth, you may stay if it is your wish," said Dr. Max, when they were alone in the kitchen, "but I shudder to think of your doing so. Now I must go home and console mother as best I can."

For four days Beth followed Dr. Max's instructions to the letter, but the disease marched on, and little Joe grew steadily worse.

Once after taking his nourishment, Joe raised himself on his elbow and said hoarsely, "Missie, how long is it 'fore Thanksgiving?"

"A little more than three weeks, Joe."

"Missie wuz a goin' to give me an' mammy a big turkey, wuzn't she?"

"Yes, Joe."

"An mammy wuz agoin' to cook me a possum wid sweet 'aters, but that wuz 'fore I thought I wuz goin' visitin'."

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A COLLEGE PRANK.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY "ESSIE GEE."

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REAT Scott, boys! Something must be done. I'll be hanged if those little sneaking Freshies are to be allowed to carry all before them this way. A class supper! Not much they don't! Sure's my name's Mason this thing is to be broken up."

"But the Prex has given his consent. I don't see what we are going to do."

"Well, I guess you'll find out what we are going to do, Davis. Suppose we are going to sit by like blinking owls and let those sniveling little idiots walk over us? They would be so overtopping and conceited next year that there would be no living with 'em. No, the thing has got to be stopped right here, and we Sophs are the ones to do it. See?"

"Well, no, I don't see. If old Prex has put his finger in the Freshies' pie any fellow who undertakes to meddle will be pretty sure to get his walking ticket the next morning, and I don't care to accept mine just now."

"Walking ticket be hanged! I'm not going to meddle with the supper. I'm only to prevent there being any feast for the kids. If there's no class president, no recorder, no historian on hand what would be the use of a supper? It would be Hamlet with the ghost left out, base-ball without a pitcher, a band without a drum-major. See?"

"Yes, I see; but how in thunder you are going to prevent those fellows from being there beats me."

"Well, you won't know anything about the 'how', sonny, unless you'll promise to be mum, and help on the process, besides. I'll tell you one thing, though; it won't bring you any walking ticket from old Andrews."

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away, and let's hear this precious scheme of yours."

"Well, I'll tell you, but we must have some more of the boys to help, so let's get them all together, and I'll explain it to you all at once. We must work quick, too. Lots to do, and only twenty-four hours to do it all in. Come on!" and the young men left their room in dormitory A., and were soon crossing the campus of Brown College in search of kindred spirits among the Sophomores.

The next night—a dark, drizzling, moonless night—three close carriages, each with a driver, were standing at the entrance of the college grounds. One pressed upon the pavement at Brown street, another stood among the trees at the top of the hill on George street, while a third hovered near the entrance to the Athletic Field. As soon as the carriages were satisfactorily placed a low whistle announced the fact, and the doors of the Sophomores' rooms opened silently and a crowd of masked and disguised figures poured into the corridors and assailed the doors of the president, the secretary and the historian of the Freshman class. No use to fight. No use to protest. Six or eight masked men stood grimly and silently over each of the prisoners and forced them to dress. An attempt on the part of the president to raise a yell for help was promptly suppressed by a gag, and soon all three, blindfolded, gagged, and with hands tied behind them were put into the waiting carriages and driven off—with three of their captors in every carriage—each by a different route, to Fox's Head. Here a tug, hired for the purpose, was in readiness, with steam up, and the kidnapped boys and their keepers were helped on board. As soon as they were well away from land and steaming down the Providence river the prisoners were given use of their hands, and, upon their promise to make no outcry, their gags, too, were removed.

"Now," said Gatewell, the president, as soon as he could command his voice, "will you be kind enough to tell me what all this means? That it is outrageous Sophomore tomfoolery I do not need to be told; but what, in the name of all that's senseless, are you doing, and why are you doing it?"

"It means, most wise and reverend president, that we, as Sophs have serious objections to the pow wow planned by you Freshies for tomorrow night, and that we are determined to prevent it at all hazards."

"That may be. I can well believe you would stop it if you could, but—I don't quite see how you are going to do so."

"Well, as we are out of reach of Providence, there's no harm in your knowing; so here goes. You'll grant, I suppose, that there would be no fun in a class supper if you three fellows were not there."

"Yes."

"Yes, well we propose to steam down outside of Block Island a bit, and lie there until to-morrow evening—getting a snatch of rest and recreation, a sniff of salt air, as it were, and perhaps a little fishing. Then to-morrow evening we will steam for home, arriving at college in time for prayers on Thursday morning. See? We felt as if you were applying yourselves too closely to your work, and we have a fatherly interest in the health of you little kids."

"To the devil with you and your care!" exclaimed Gatewell, "I'd like to pitch every one of you overboard."

"No doubt, no doubt," replied Mason, calmly; "but little boys mustn't give way to their angry passions. It might result in gags and manacles again," and Mason pointed to the heap of gags, handkerchiefs and ropes which had just been taken off the prisoners.

Gatewell clenched his fists and his black eyes sparkled with rage, but he was too wise to run any risk of losing what freedom he still possessed, so he restrained himself, and presently asked, quietly:

"Got your fish lines and grub on board?"

"Mostly. Got to stop at Newport for bait, though, and for bread. Forgot 'em at Providence."

Gatewell said no more, and sat gloomily watching boat and shore as they steamed on. When they were within a quarter of a mile of the wharf in Newport the Sophs rose and Davis remarked:

"Guess you fellows may as well go below for a while until we are clear of this place. It may save trouble all round. Besides, we've got to take off our masks here."

Quick as a flash Gatewell tore off his coat, vest and shoes and was overboard before the other boys had any idea of his intentions. Heading for the lights of the city he swam steadily on with the long, clean strokes of a trained athlete. The tug lowered a small boat, and Mason and two other men started to follow and recover the swimmer, when all were startled by a shrill whistle, and, turning, saw a small steamer in full pursuit of them. The next moment a search light thrown on them from the deck of the steamer nearly blinded them.

"Halt, or we'll blow you up," shouted the captain of their pursuer.

"What's wanted?" they called back.

"You are all wanted, and mighty quick, too! Get on board there, you men in the dory, or I'll put a shot through you. Quick! Do you hear?" roared the steamer captain.

The boys, thinking that the college authorities were upon them, obeyed silently, leaving Gatewell to swim on unmolested to the city.

"Now," said their captor, steaming alongside, "every man Jack of you come aboard of my craft and go down into the cabin," and on board they filed and down the ladder into the close little cabin, while the captain took possession of the tug, sending a couple of men aboard to search her for possible stowaways, while another pair of men started in pursuit of the fleeing Gatewell. They caught him just as he was climbing up on the wharf, and speedily had him back in their boat where one of them held him, too exhausted to offer any resistance, while the other man rowed back to the steamer.

As soon as they were safely on board with the tug in tow, they headed with all speed for Fort Dumpling, which they reached just as the May morning was breaking in the east.

The watch responded to the steamer's hail, and in a few moments a boat put off from the fort to learn the errand of the early morning visitors. The boys, in their close confinement below, were ignorant of all that was going on, and were utterly astounded, half an hour later, to be led on deck and taken possession of by a squad of soldiers. No answer was vouchsafed to their questions until all were safely inside the fort. Then they were informed that their strange actions had attracted the attention of the police in Providence, who suspected them of being Spanish spies, and had therefore caused them to be followed and arrested.

Explanations followed. Telegrams passed in rapid succession between the fort and the college. The President himself came down and identified the twelve boys as his students, and at last they were free to return to Providence. At the college the President treated the Sophomores very leniently, rightly judging that they had been well punished already, and that the sneers and gibes of the seniors and juniors would be a bitter pill for them to swallow for the remainder of the college year, and that it would be a worse punishment than any which he could inflict. He stipulated, however, that all the expenses of the chase, of the telegrams, of new clothes and a new watch for Gatewell, whose clothes and watch were ruined during the night, and all other expenses of the affair, should be paid by the offending Sophomores.

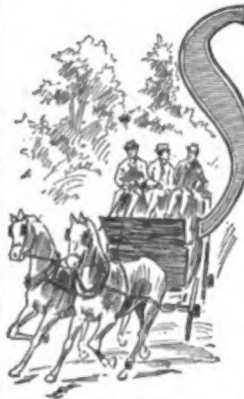
The captain of the tug, it is needless to say, had to settle with the civil authorities of Providence for his part in the affair and the drivers of the carriages also came in for their share of blame.

And the supper? Oh, yes, that came off a week later with great success.

JOE GRANGER'S VOICE.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY BLANCH HEATH.

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OME years ago, while traveling in the remote backwoods, I arrived at the little town of Wintacook, where I expected to take the connecting stage. But, though overdue, it was nowhere in sight.

"Stage is late today," I suggested to one of the natives enjoying his pipe near by.

"Wal, yes, kind o' late," he assented,

sizing me up with a twist of the eye. "Count o' the rains, I s'pose. On'y hope 'tain't Joe's voice ag'in," he added, shaking his head.

This puzzled me. "Joe" was evidently the driver, but what had his voice to do with the stage-hours?

"Is he a singer," I asked finally, "that he has to be so careful of his voice?"

"Joe a singer?" chuckled the backwoodsman.

"Why, bless yer soul! 'tain't his own nat'ral voice I'm a-speakin' of. It's somethin' outside of him, 't follers him an' tells him when there's danger ahead. True's my name's Rufe Wilson!" seeing my incredulous look. "Why, where'd ye come from, 't ye hain't never heard o' Joe Granger's Voice?"

Not much liking a journey through this wild country with a cranky guide, I began to question the man. He told me some very strange things, which were cut short by Joe's arrival with the belated stage.

To my relief, the driver looked neither like a fool nor a knave. He was a sturdy fellow, with a shrewd, honest face, and a practical manner. Watching him, I wondered at the world tales I had heard, till I reflected how easily a local superstition is built up on a few coincidences. Meanwhile he hustled around for fresh horses, and we were soon off at a brisk pace to make up for lost time.

There were a couple of sportsmen on the box-seat, and three inside passengers besides myself. These were carrying on a political discussion, interspersed with complaints about the delay. One of them, named Knowles, seemed particularly aggrieved, and I fell asleep to the sound of his grumbling.

All at once I woke with a confusion of voices in my ears. The stage had stopped, and three heads were out of the windows, asking what the matter was. I put mine out, too, and looked about.

We were at the top of a hill, down whose rocky sides the road dropped almost like a straight line. Joe sat gripping the reins in his hands, and trying to answer half-a-dozen questions at once. Dominant over all rang Knowles' insistent voice.

"What are you waiting for?" he demanded impatiently. "Why don't you go on without losing any more time?"

"'Tain't safe"—Joe began. But Knowles cut him short.

"It's a road you go over every day. Why isn't it safe?"

"Bridge gone," laconically, motioning down into the gloomy ravine.

"How do you know it's gone?" Knowles took him up sharply. "You can't see the bottom from here."

"No, but I know it's gone, though," doggedly.

"The man's drunk—or crazy!" Knowles looked around at us in perplexity. "How can he tell the bridge is gone without seeing the place?"

The story of the mysterious Voice came to my mind, and I hastily told it for what it was worth. Knowles received it with angry incredulity.

"It's a swindle! an imposition!" he exclaimed. Then, to Joe: "I'll report you. You'll lose your job."

"I'd rather lose that than my passengers' lives," answered Joe. "I heard that Voice right in my ear, a-sayin', 'Bridge gone! Go back!'—An' I mean 't go back."

"Go back!" exploded Knowles in a passion. "And lose to-night's train to Lakeford? I tell you I've got an engagement there to-morrow that means money, and I'm not going to miss it for all the fool-voices between here and Canada!" He appealed to the rest of us: "Gentlemen, I don't imagine any of you care to take this journey over again for nothing? I propose to go on, whether or no. If the driver is afraid, let him go back. We can manage among us to take the stage over to Lakeford."

"Oh, I can coach us easy enough"—began one of the sportsmen. But Joe broke in hoarsely.

"For God's sake, gents, don't do it! I can't explain this 'ere Voice, but I never knowed it to

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fail. I tell you, the bridge is gone, an' so'll you be ef you keep on."

Joe's earnestness did not convince us. Or, if any felt a misgiving, he would not acknowledge it before the others. Knowles had set the pace, and the rest of us were bound to keep up to it.

Finding resistance useless, Joe sullenly submitted. "All right! Ef she's a-goin' on, I'm a-goin' on with her. Only remember," speaking slowly, "once we start down this 'ere hill, we can't stop on the way, nohow."

"Who wants to stop?" retorted Knowles. "What we want is to go on."

"You kin go," Joe spoke with sinister quiet. "But don't blame me, ef you sleep at the bottom of the river to-night."

We took our places again. But this time I mounted to the box-seat. For, in spite of sober reason, I felt a vague uneasiness, which made me prefer to face the danger if danger there was.

Never shall I forget that descent! It was the steepest I have ever known, and, as Joe had said, once started there was no stopping on the way. The stage, gathering momentum with every turn of the wheels, went plunging downward at a frightful speed, between an unbroken forest-growth on one side and a sheer precipice on the other. Faster and faster the trees flew by, like a modern version of the Wild Huntsman's Ride. We all sat silent, for it was a situation that strained the nerves up beyond the talking-point. Once, indeed, one of the sportsmen did ask Joe some question, but Joe only muttered: "First man 't speaks to me, I'll pitch him off, headforemost!" After that not a word was said.

It was a splendid day in mid-October. The abrupt contrast of crag and ravine, intensified by the vivid autumn colors, now in their fullest fire, made up a picture such as I had never seen before. Ordinarily I should have had eyes only for the unfamiliar beauty of this mountain-scenery, but now I could not keep them off the driver. His face was furrowed with the fierce tension, and the muscles stood out like whipcord where he had knotted the reins around his wrists to control the pull of the horses. On we rushed, till an increasing roar told of our nearness to the hidden river; still on, till a break in the woods showed it suddenly at our very feet, racing over the rocks among whirling logs and broken timbers.

The bridge was gone!

We were so close now that another bound must bring us to the brink of the white, boiling torrent; another—

I caught my breath for the coming struggle. Suddenly I felt a strange jerking motion, and saw that Joe had headed us to a little clearing among the trees. The horses, wrenched from their course, plunged violently, and the stage turned on itself at a sharp angle. One of Joe's arms dropped helpless to his side, and together we brought the stage to a standstill, pitching and swaying at the very edge of the chasm, with the water not three feet from the horses' hoofs!

In a jiffy we were all on the ground, and had pulled Joe down. We found that his arm was dislocated, but he bore the pain like a Spartan, though the great drops on his drawn face showed the mental strain he had gone through.

Fortunately, one of the sportsmen knew enough of surgery to set the arm. As we crowded around, Joe caught sight of Knowles.

"Looks like you won't hev 'er report me, after all," he said, with a faint smile. I'll lose

my job for one while, anyhow."

Knowles bit his lip. "Come now, my man, don't talk like that. Don't you think that river is all the reminder I need?" with a look at the rocky whirlpool below. "But even if you do have to lie by for awhile," he continued, "you won't lose anything by it. We're going to make up a purse for you—Oh, yes," as Joe shook his head. "It's only a fair exchange, and you certainly have earned the money."

But Joe protested that he wanted no money for merely doing his duty, a resolution which was probably strengthened by the taunt about his being afraid. Finally an idea occurred to me based on Mr. Rufe Wilson's gossip, and I called Knowles aside. After a little debate, we returned to the circle about Joe.

"Now, about this money," said Knowles in a matter-of-fact way. "We want to show that we set some value on our own lives, so, as you are too obstinate to take it, we shall give it as a wedding present to one of the pretty girls in Wintacook—Miss Amanda Harris, say? Of course, you couldn't object to that?"

Joe looked up with a start, and, catching the twinkle in Knowles' eye, blushed to the roots of his hair. Then a slow smile spread over his face, as he answered:

"I s'pose you'll hev 'er settle that with 'Mandy herself. 'Tain't fur me 'er tell her thus an' so. An' I guess 'twouldn't be of no use ef I did."

There was a general laugh at this frank admission, and the purse was made up on the spot.

When we took the stage back to Wintacook, we found the little community in a state of excitement. Some trappers had just brought in the report that a log-boom higher up the river had burst, and swept down-stream carrying all before it. Great was the relief, therefore, to see our party return, safe if not exactly sound.

We remained there over night, continuing our journey next morning by a different route. I did not hear Knowles say another word about his broken engagement. Probably he thought it a cheap exchange for a broken neck.

The following year, having occasion to visit Lakeford again, I asked one of the station-hands if Joe Granger still drove the stage from Wintacook.

"Does now," he answered. "There was a while, months back, 't he had ter lay by 'count of a twisted shoulder. Furst-rate thing fer him, though! Ye see, there was a lot o' city gents he saved from drownin', time the bridge was swep' away by a log-boom bustin'. They acted real gen'rous by him, I've heard. Made his gal a big present. An' now he's got married, an' paid off his morgidge inter the bargain."

"Quite a stroke of luck," I said. "And that Voice, the one that warned him of danger, is that with him still?"

"Sure! Sticks to him like a brother. Queer, ain't it?" he added meditatively. "But I guess there's more things a-goin' on round us 'n we could 'count fur ef we was ter try ever-so."

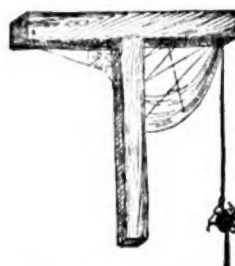
"There are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy," I assented with a smile to this new version of Shakespeare's theory.

"That's the idee to a dot," said the man admiringly, as he turned to cope with a big drag of trunks.

Just then I saw my train steaming in, and hurried forward to meet it. And that is the last I ever heard of Joe Granger's Voice.

Twinette, the Inquisitive Spider.

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TWINETTE, the spider, was young, hungry and industrious. "Weave yourself a web, my dear," said her mother, "as you know how without teaching, and catch flies for yourself; only don't weave near me in the corner here. I am old, and stay in the corners, but you are young, and needn't. Besides, you would be in my way. Scramble along the rafters to a little distance off, and spin. But mind! just see there's nothing there—below you, I mean—before you begin. You won't catch anything to eat if there isn't empty space about you for the flies to fly in."

Twinette was dutiful and obeyed. She scrambled along the woodwork of the roof of the church—for it was there her mother lived—till she had gone what she thought might fairly be called a little distance off, and then stopped to look round, which, considering she had eight eyes to do it with, was not difficult. But she was not so sure of what there might be below.

"I wonder whether mother would say there is nothing here—below me, I mean—but empty space for flies to fly in?" said she.

But she might have stood wondering there forever. So she went back to her mother, and asked what she thought.

"Oh dear, oh dear!" said her mother, "how can I think about what I don't see? There usen't to be anything there in my young days, I'm sure. But everybody must find out things for themselves. Let yourself down by the family rope as you know how, without teaching, and see for yourself if there's anything there or not."

Twinette was a very intelligent young spider, quite worthy of the age she was born in; so she thanked her mother for her advice, and was just starting afresh, when another thought struck her. "How shall I know if there's anything there when I get there?" asked she.

"Dear me, if there's anything there, how can you help seeing it?" cried the mother, rather teased by her daughter's inquiring spirit, "you with at least eight eyes in your head!"

"Thank you. Now I quite understand," said Twinette; and scuttling back to the end of the rafter she began to prepare the family rope.

It was the most exquisite thing in the world—so fine you could scarcely see it; so elastic it could be blown about without breaking; such a perfect grey that it looked white against black things, and black against white; so manageable that Twinette could both make it and slide down by it at once; and when she wished to get back, could slip up by it, and roll it up at the same time.

It was a wonderful rope for anybody to make without teaching. But Twinette was not contented. Rope-making came as natural to her as eating does to intelligent little boys, so she thought no more about it than we do of chewing our food.

How she did it is another question, and one not easily answered, however intelligent we may be. This much may be hinted: Out of four little spinning machines near the tail came four little threads, and the rope was a four-twist of these. But as each separate thread was itself a many-twist of a great many others, still finer, I do not pretend to tell the number of strands (as rope-threads are called) in Twinette's family rope. Enough, that as she made it now, it has been made from generation to generation, and there seems to be no immediate prospect of a change.

The plan was for the spinner to glue the ends to the rafter, and then start off. Then out came the threads from the spinning machines, and twist went the rope; and the further the spinner travelled, the longer the rope became.

And Twinette made ready accordingly and turning on her back, let herself fairly off. The glued ends held fast, the four strands twined closely together, and down went the family rope, with Twinette at the end, guiding it. Down into the middle of the church where there were carved oaken seats below, with carved oaken figures at the ends of each.

Twinette was about halfway down to the floor when she shut up the spinning machines, and stopped to rest and look round. Then, balancing herself at the end of her rope, with her legs crumpled up round her, she made her remarks:

"This is charming!" cried she. "One had need to travel and see the world. And all's so nice in the middle here. Nice empty space for the flies to fly about in; and a very pleasant time they must have of it. Dear me, how hungry I feel—I must go back and weave at once."

But just as she was preparing to roll up the rope and be off, a ray of sunshine streaming through one of the windows, struck in a direct line upon her suspended body, quite startling her with the dazzle of its brightness. Everything seemed in a blaze all round her, and she turned round and round in terror.

"Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear!" cried she, for she didn't know what to say and still couldn't help calling out. Then, making a great effort, she gave one hearty spring and, blinded though she was, shot up to the roof as fast as a spider could go, rolling the rope into a ball as she went. After which she stopped to complain.

But it is dull work complaining to one's self, so she soon ran back to her mother in the corner.

"Back again so soon, my dear?" asked the old lady, not overpleased at the fresh disturbance.

"Back again at all is the wonder," whimpered Twinette. "There's something down there, after all, besides empty space."

"Why, what did you see?" asked her mother. "Nothing; that was just it," answered Twinette. "I could see nothing for dazzle and blaze; but I did see dazzle and blaze."

"Young people of the present day are very troublesome with their observations," remarked the mother; "however, if one rule will not do, here is another. Did the sunbeam shove you out of your place, my dear?"

Twinette said, "Certainly not—I came away of myself."

"Then how could there be anything there?" asked her mother. "Two things cannot be in one place at the same time. Just try to get into your own place, while you are there yourself, and see if you can."

Twinette did not try, because she knew she couldn't, but she sat very silent, wondering

what the sunbeam could be if it was nothing at all a puzzle which might have lasted her forever. Fortunately her mother interrupted her by advising her to go and get something to do. She really couldn't afford to feed her out of her web any longer, she said.

"If the sunbeam kills me, you'll be sorry, mother," said Twinette, in a pet.

"Nonsense about the sunshine," cried the old spider, now thoroughly roused. "I dare say it's only a little more light than usual. There's more or less light up here in the corners even, at times. You talk nonsense, my dear."

So Twinette scuttled off in silence, for she dared not ask what light was, though she wanted to know.

But she felt too cross to begin to spin. She preferred a search after truth to her dinner, which showed she was no commonplace spider. So she resolved to go down below in another place and see if she could find a really empty space; and accordingly again prepared the family rope. When she came down, it was about half a foot further east than before, and a very prosperous journey she made.

"All's safe so far," said she, her good humor returning. "I do believe I've found nothing at last. How jolly it is!" As she spoke she hung dangling at the end of her rope, back downwards, her legs tucked up round her as before, in perfect enjoyment, when suddenly the south door of the church was thrown open, and a strong gust set in. It was a windy evening, and the draught that poured into the church blew the family rope, with Twinette at the end of it, backwards and forwards through the air till she turned quite giddy.

"Oh, dear, oh, dear!" cried she puffing, "what shall I do? How could they say there was nothing here—oh, dear—but empty space for flies—oh, dear—to fly in?" But at last, in despair, she made an effort of resistance and, in the very teeth of the wind succeeded in coiling up the family rope, and so got back to the rafters.

It was a piece of rare good fortune for her that a lazy, half-alive fly happened to be creeping along just at the moment. As she landed from her air-dive she pounced on the stroller, killed him and sucked his juices before he knew where he was, as people say. Then throwing down his carcass, she scrambled back to her mother and told her what she thought, though not in plain words. For what she thought was that the old lady didn't know what she was saying when she talked about empty space with nothing in it.

"The sunbeam is nothing," cried she at last, "though it blinded me because it and I were in one place together, which couldn't be if it had been anything; and now this is nothing, though it blows me out of my place twenty times in a minute, because I can't see it. What's the use of rules one can't go by, mother? I don't believe you know a quarter of what's down below there."

The old spider's head turned as giddy with Twinette's arguments as Twinette's had done while swinging in the wind.

"I don't see what it can matter what's there," said her mother; "if there's room for flies to fly about in. I wish you'd go back and spin."

"That's another part of the question," remarked Twinette, in answer to the first half of her mother's sentence. In answer to the second she scuttled back to the rafter, intending to be obedient and spin. But she dawdled and thought, and thought and dawdled, till the day was nearly over.

"I will take one more turn down below," said she to herself at last, "and look round me again."

And so she did, but went further down than before; then stopped to rest as usual. Presently, as she hung dangling in the air by her line, she grew venturesome.

"I will lift the matter to the bottom," thought she. "I will see how far empty space goes." So saying she re-opened her spinning machines and started afresh.

It was a wonderful rope certainly, or it would not have gone on to such a length without breaking. In a few seconds Twinette was on the floor. But she didn't like the feel of it at all, so took to running as fast as she could go, and luckily met with a step of woodwork on one side. Up this she hurried at once, and crept into a corner close by, where she stopped to take breath.

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Seeing a little better was out of the question, however, for night was coming on, and when, weary of waiting, she stepped out of her hiding-place to look around, the whole church was in darkness.

Now it is one thing to be snug in bed when it is dark, and another to be a long way from home and have lost your way, and not know what may happen to you next minute. Twinette had often been in the dark corner with her mother, and thought nothing of it. Now she shook all over with fright, and wondered what dreadful thing darkness could be. Then she thought of her mother's rules, and felt quite angry.

"I can't see anything, anything, and I don't feel anything," murmured she, "and yet here's something that frightens me out of my wits."

At last her very fright made her bold. She felt about for the family rope; it was there safe and sound, and she made a spring. Roll went the rope, and up went its owner; higher, higher, higher, through the dark night air; seeing nothing, hearing nothing, feeling nothing but the desperate fear within. By the time she touched the rafter, she was half-exhausted; and as soon as she was safely landed upon it, she fell asleep.

It must have been late next morning when she woke, for the sound of the organ music was pealing through the church, and the air vibrations swept pleasantly over her frame; rising and falling like gusts of night, swelling and sinking like waves of the sea, gathering and disappearing like vapors of the sky.

She went down by the family rope to observe, but nothing was to be seen to account for her sensations. Fresh ones, however, stole round her, as she hung suspended, for it was a church festival, and beautiful flowers were grouped round the altar and pillars, and filled the air with fragrance. Still, nothing disturbed her from her place. Sunshine streamed in through the windows—she even felt it warm on her body—but it interfered with nothing else; and meanwhile, in such way as spiders hear, she heard music and prayer; whether as music and prayer come to us, or as deaf men enjoy sound by touch, let those say who can! A door opened, and a breeze caught her rope; but still she held fast. So music and prayer and sunshine and breeze and sweet perfume were all there together; and Twinette was among them, and saw flies flying about overhead.

This was enough; she went back to the rafter, chose a home, and began to spin. Before evening, her web was completed, and her first prey caught and feasted on. Then she cleared the remains out of her chamber, and sat down to think; for Twinette was now a philosopher. It came to her while she was spinning her web. As she crossed and twisted the threads, her ideas grew clearer and clearer, or she fancied so, which did almost as well. Each line she fastened brought its own reflection; and this was the way they went on:

"Two or three things can easily be in one place at the very same time—" she fixed that idea in her mind very tight as she fastened a thread of her web. "Sunshine and wind and perfume and sound don't drive each other out of their places"—she said to herself. "Light and darkness, and sunshine and wind, and sound and sensation, and fright and pleasure, don't keep away flies"—the little interlacing threads of her tiny web now looked quite pretty as she placed them. "How many things I know of that I don't know much about"—the web got thicker every minute. "And perhaps there may be ever so many more beyond—ever so many more—ever so many—beyond." Those were her very last words. She kept repeating them till she finished her web; and when she sat up in state, after supper, to think, she began to repeat them again; for she could think of nothing better or wiser to say. But this was no wonder, for all her thoughts put together made nothing but a cobweb, after all!

And when the sexton's broom swept it, with others, from the roof, Twinette was no longer in the little chamber below. She had died and bequeathed her cobweb-wisdom to another generation. But, as it was only cobweb-wisdom, spiders remain spiders still, and still weave their webs in the roofs of churches with-

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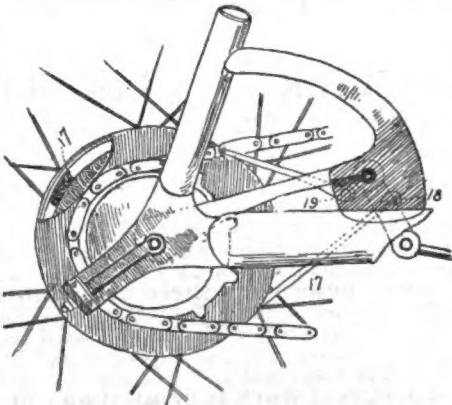
One of the recent ones that seems really of practical benefit is a back pedaling brake. The new brake is the result of a year and a half's study and work on the part of two Minnesota boys and will probably be on the market another year for general sale. The brake is attached to the hub of the rear wheel of the bicycle and is applied by a slight back pressure of one of the pedals. In coasting, the cranks assume a horizontal position, and should the wheel go too fast a slight back pressure of one of the pedals applies the brake and stops or checks the speed. The brake is released by a pressure on the other pedal. The device is compact, so much so that it would not be noticed on a passing bicycle. In connection with the accompanying cut the following is taken from the description in the patent. The brake mechanism comprises means whereby, upon applying a slight back pressure to the pedal, the wheel may be placed under the complete control of the rider, allowing him to bring the wheel to a full stop, or, in coasting, to regulate its speed. These means consist of a bell crank lever, pivoted upon a stud-bolt by a nut in a horizontal slot formed in a brace, brazed or otherwise secured to the lower end of one of the back stays and the rear end of one of the back forks of the frame of the machine.

Figure seventeen denotes a brake band which encompasses the brake wheel and has one of its ends attached to 18, a stud on the bell crank lever, and the other end secured to a stud, 19, on said bell crank lever, so that when said lever is rocked or actuated the band will be drawn tightly about the brake wheel and thereby check or completely stop the motion of said wheel. This band is preferably formed of spring steel, so that when pressure is removed from the bell crank lever the band will spring from frictional contact with the brake wheel. It is one of the lightest and neatest and most powerful brakes invented. It is hardly noticeable on a wheel. The pedal stop is not visible. Brakes on the tires have been discarded by most riders, as there is too much injury to the tires, and too severe a strain on the forks of the forward wheel. Besides, they are apt to cause accidents to the rider instead of preventing

brake it on any hill.

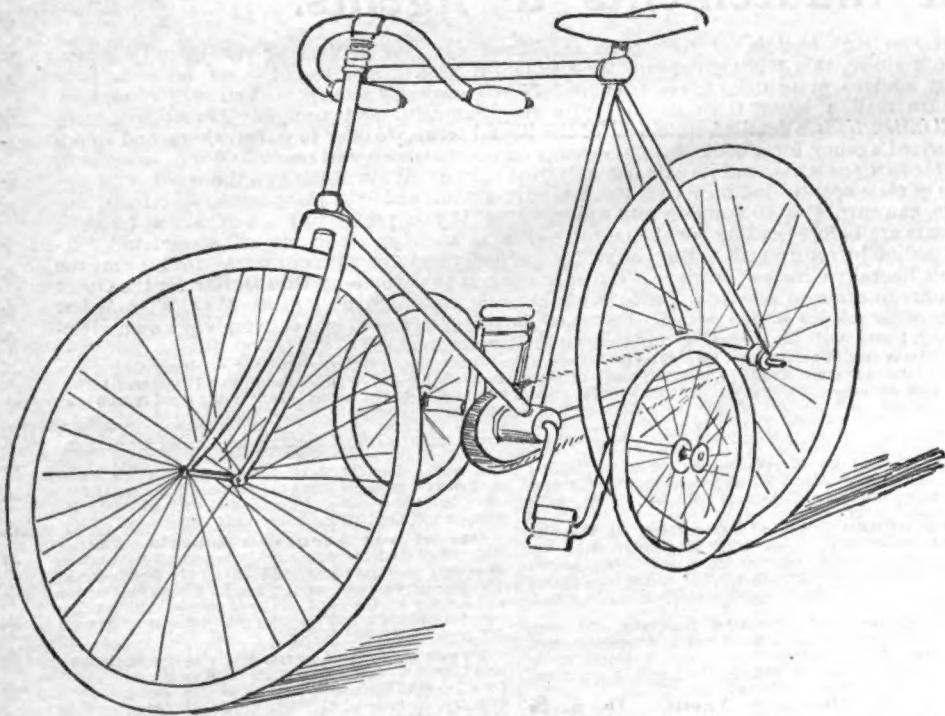
The bicycle that will not upset has long been the dream of bicycle inventors and wheelmen. The so-called "safety" is not really safe at all, at least until its capricious tendencies have been mastered according to the known laws of physics. The name "safety" was given to it to differentiate it from the high wheel of years ago, the high wheel having no elements of safety but many of danger. When the foreign wheel makers hit upon the idea of the modern wheel it was so much safer than the old model that its name seemed natural enough. The one illustrated is a new model and is a "real safety"—one on which it is impossible to "get a spill."

During the past season there has been considerable guessing concerning whether wheel-



NEW BACK-PEDALING BRAKE.

ing is truly increasing or has entered upon a decline. It has been a wholly natural speculation. The story from the trade, well confirmed, is that there have been more bicycles sold this year than ever before during a twelvemonth, and this on its face means that more wheels are being ridden. On the other hand, many roads which have for years been most popular and which on every fair day have been a cycling promenade have shown smaller crowds than ever before, and therefore, many have come to the conclusion that bicycle riding is dying out. The impression has become deeply seated in the minds of riders and some other observers, especially those inclined to be pessimistic. To them nothing would fully explain the unusual circumstances. The rains of spring and the



A REAL SAFETY.

them. With pedal rest and brake the rider does not remove his feet from the pedals to coast, and has a brake that will stop in one-half of the distance that he can by back-pedaling without any exertion whatever. Then with the pedal stop and brake combined it is all worked by the feet without removing them from the pedal. The hands are not used in any way in applying the brake, nor is the position of the body changed in anyway. The pedal rest works automatically; the pedals stop all movement when the rider is not working the feet. This will not affect the running of the wheel until the brake is applied, or it stops of its own accord. If when descending a hill he stops the feet in any position desired the wheel will glide along the same as though he removed his feet from the pedals for coasting. If he wishes to apply the brake he has the right pedal back on a horizontal line with the left in front, or can have them the reverse. By bearing down on the back pedal he applies the brake, which works very gradually, if so desired. The more he bears down the tighter it will brake. The device is powerful and the rider can put his weight on the pedal braking the wheel, if so desired. This will lock the wheel almost solid and cause the bicycle to stop on any hill without any danger of hitting the rider over the handlebars. To relieve the brake he simply bears down on the forward pedal; then he can still coast or pedal the wheel. The pedal stop makes coasting safe. It takes only a very modest amount of weight to apply the brake, from five to twenty-five pounds of pressure will

protracted heat of midsummer might be considered sufficient to explain the slackness of wheeling traffic at this time of the year.

The real truth, however, is that there are more winter riders now than ever, more who go out on wet days, windy days and hot days than ever, but less proportionately to the total number who ride. There is no doubt, too, that it is the spreading of good roads that has caused the change. This is something that has come upon the community so gradually that it has been but little recognized. As an explanation of the facts of cycling, it can be pertinently presented in paradoxical fashion, by saying that the apparent decrease in the sport is due to its actual growth. There are more riders than ever, but they are not so much in evidence. Bicycle riding has been disseminated and is outspread instead of concentrated. Formerly wheelmen had only a few local roads on which to find good riding. Gradually the good districts have been increasing, and now they are beginning to exist everywhere.

Riders a few years ago kept their wheels for home use, the asphalted boulevards and macadam roads and cycle paths. Now when they leave town for the summer, or for a week or two, they take their wheels with them, because the improved highways make it worth while. In bygone years they kept together in companies of club parties. The ways to-day are so manifold that no one needs a guide. Any habitual rider with a large circle of acquaintances is pretty sure to meet acquaintances on the road. If he does not he will find amiable

hotel keepers, who in other years refused shelter to cyclists and set dogs on them, but who now have maps and guidebooks and cycling literature in the parlors.

According to a Strasburg Justice, a bicycle suit is not a fit thing in which to go to court. A rider who was summoned recently for violating an ordinance went to court dressed in his bicycle costume. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid the fine. The judge then imposed an extra five marks "for appearing before the court unbecomingly dressed."

Cheap and poor bicycles are now being manufactured in Japan and are having some sale, but American and English machines are generally used. French machines are used there, but are so heavy that American wheels will entirely supersede them. The use of bicycles in China is somewhat peculiar. Only the upper or richer classes ride, the poor people of China hardly having sufficient means to keep body and soul together. Their use is certainly increasing, though at present there are very few in the country. That would be an excellent country for a young man to go to and establish a bicycle factory.

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It is not generally known that several of the greatest captains of humanity have chosen widows for wives. Whether it was that they considered these much maligned ladies as being better housekeepers than mere inexperienced girls, or that they had to

succumb to fascinations all the more seductive in proportion to their mellow maturity is one of those problems the solution of which is outside the range of the present paper. Sufficient to say that most of these captains were on the best of terms with their wives—even though these women had been previously widows.

Among the illustrious men who became the husbands of fair relicts may be mentioned two presidents of the United States, several kings, one First Consul (afterward Emperor), the founders of two religious communities, the adherents of each of which may be counted by the hundred million, and a host of literateurs, scientists and philosophers. Washington, the Father of his country, became the husband of Mrs. Custis, the widow of a southern gentleman who died leaving his wife encumbered with several children. George Washington was as fond a father of these tots as Bonaparte was of Josephine's son and daughter, the fruit of a former union of that lady. Like Napoleon's, Washington's marriage was barren. Unlike the "little corporal," however, the President of the United States did not repudiate his wife because she bore him no issue. Mrs. Washington was the soul of good nature, and in thorough touch with her husband till death called him from her side.

Andrew Jackson, another of our presidents, became enamored of a buxom and beautiful widow named Mrs. Robard whose former husband was of French extraction; and after some difficulty, which only made him all the bolder in his wooing, he won her lily white hand, and never had any reason afterwards to regret his marriage, for the lady loved her grizzled warrior as dearly as Desdemona did the dusky Othello.

The first and last of Henry VIII. of England's wives were widows, Catherine of Arragon the relict of his elder brother, and Mrs. Parr whose first husband was a respectable British bourgeois. George IV., while still the Prince of Wales, contracted a secret union, solemnized by a Roman Catholic clergyman, with Mrs. Fitzherbert, the charming young widow of Mr. Thomas Fitzherbert, a Catholic country squire. Mrs. Fitzherbert was known as the "sweet lass of Richmond Hill" where she resided. Her widow's cap and weeds enhanced so much the charms of her pretty face, and the symmetry of her dainty figure, that poets addressed sonnets to her in those days and gallants gay knelt at her feet. The Prince, however, was the lucky individual who bore off the prize. He soon tired of her however, and taking advantage of the fact that the union was annulled by the Royal marriage act which refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of marriages contracted by members of the Royal family without the consent of the reigning sovereign, he publicly espoused a German princess, the unfortunate Charlotte.

Bonaparte's first wife was a widow. Her maiden name was Josephine Tascher de la Pagerie. She was born in 1761, and at the age of sixteen became the wife of the Viscount de Beauharnais, who it may be interesting to note, fought side by side with Lafayette in the war of American independence. Beauharnais was guillotined by the Revolutionists of Paris in 1794, leaving his wife a widow at 33. A short time afterward her beauty and lonely condition attracted to her the admiration and pity of General Bonaparte, and as pity is akin to love, the great warrior eventually proposed for her hand and was accepted. It is doubtful, however, if she loved him. He seems to have magnetized her into submission to his will. Writing to a lady friend before her marriage, the Viscountess observes: "You have met the general in my house. Well, he it is who would supply a father's place to the orphans of the Viscount, and a husband's to his widow. 'Do you love him?' you might ask. Well, not exactly; yet he dazzles me, and I know I will have to surrender him my heart. Moreover all my friends are urging me to marry him." The union was very happy throughout its opening years; but Napoleon, anxious for an heir, treated Josephine with the utmost cruelty by procuring a divorce from her, and marrying the daughter of the Emperor of Austria. Lucien Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother, married the widow of Jacques Joubert, a wealthy French trader who died in the West Indies. Napoleon was so deeply incensed at this *mesalliance* that he refused to confer the title of Prince on his offending brother, and he and his family were excluded from all rights to the succession of the crown. The French Emperor's sister, Pauline, married Gen. Leclerc, and accompanied him to San Domingo, where he succumbed to the yellow fever after only a few months of matrimonial bliss. His afflicted widow—she was scarcely twenty-two years old at the time—had his embalmed body covered with her jewelry deposited in a coffin, and returned with the precious casket on board a French vessel to France where Leclerc's remains *minus* the ornaments were buried. Alas for the constancy of a widow's love! Ten months had barely elapsed since the death of the "dear defunct" than, arrayed in these very jewels that were once strewn on Leclerc's corpse, she stood at the foot of the altar pledging her heart and hand in marriage to an Italian nobleman, Prince Borghese, a millionaire, worth \$250,000 income a year. The Princess a few years afterward developed into the most handsome woman in Europe. Her second marriage, despite its splendor, was a failure, and the pair soon separated.

Widows captured the hearts of the messiahs of Mahomedanism and Methodism. Mahomet was an impecunious young man when he entered the employment of Madame Khadijah, who was a wealthy widow, and in business for her-

self. Mahomet was appointed her traveling agent in which capacity he had to attend to the transportation of her merchandise from Mecca, where she lived, to Syria. Khadijah fell devotedly in love with Mahomet, though she was "fat, fair and forty," and he was only twenty-five years of age. Seeing the widow's infatuation for him, and wishing to please the lady in every way possible, he asked for her hand, and she willingly consented to give it to him. Their marriage was a most happy one. He now had wealth as well as a devoted wife who had yielded to him cheerfully the entire management of her business affairs. This union raised Mahomet very high in social circles in Mecca, and enabled him to start the religious movement which afterwards assumed such remarkable proportions, and which numbers to-day in its communion several hundred million souls. His wife, it may be interesting to note, was the first of all his nation who believed in Mahomet as the Prophet of Allah. Her death, which occurred when he had just inaugurated his crusade was a sore affliction to the prophet; but he was somewhat compensated by the fact that the vast wealth, which he now possessed, enabled him to succeed in the mission which he had undertaken. Perhaps, if the Widow Khadijah did not happen to have taken a fancy to Mahomet, Mahomedanism might never have been heard of. A woman's amatory whims have often revolutionized the world. John Wesley in an unfortunate moment married the widow of a London merchant, named Vassille. Mrs. Vassille, was, it seems, as mild as a sucking dove while Wesley was her suitor; but when she became the wife of that eminent divine, she displayed her shrewish propensities, took no interest in his religious mission, and annoyed and exasperated the good man so much by her purse-proud vulgarity that he had to separate from her.

Only one poet is on record as having married a widow. Poets are too gushingly fond of innocent maidens to have any sentimentalities left to shower on the love of dead men's wives. Addison, who was an essayist as well as a bard, and who reached the zenith of his fame in the beginning of the last century, was anxious to connect himself with the English aristocracy. With this object he wooed and won Dowager Countess of Warwick, widow of Edward Rich, Earl of Holland and Warwick. Dr. Johnson said of Addison's marriage: "It is very much like the espousal of the daughter of a Sultan, who addresses the young lady as follows during the ceremony: 'Daughter, I give thee this man for thy slave.' Though the poet through his union with the countess became the occupant of Holland House, that famous haunt of literary and political wits, he lived under petticoat rule; the proud countess, who had abandoned her title to become plain Mrs. Addison, regretted when it was too late her marriage with one who, though he was Secretary of State under George I. was nevertheless her social inferior. She had her revenge however, and led him many a sad dance in the gorgeous salons of Holland House. Addison must have had his unruly spouse in his mind's eye, when he wrote these lines, in his Opera of Rosamond:

"I glow, I burn, I freeze, I shiver—
Whence rises this convulsive strife?
I smell a shrew—
My fears are true—
I see my wife!"

Dr. Johnson fared better at the hands of the widow whom he made his wife, although, like Mahomet, he was some fifteen years her junior. The doctor met his lady love during his salad days in Birmingham. He was the very reverse of an Adonis of a Don Juan in personal appearance. He had unpolished manners, long straggling unkempt locks, a scrofulous face and seedy clothes. Yet Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, the widow of a shopkeeper, a corpulent dame provided with a grown up family, married this young man who was at the time a mere literary hack. The union of this pair was one continued honeymoon. Johnson was accustomed to call her his "Tilly" and she in return gave him the pet name of "Sam." The doctor used to make himself very ridiculous sometimes among his friends of referring to his wife as "that pretty creature." The fact was that she was almost as ugly as himself, but love is blind. Her death, which occurred some ten years after the marriage, was a great shock to her husband. A decade or so afterwards, however, he entertained a deep but platonic affection for another widow, Mrs. Throle, till that middle-aged relict eloped with a young Italian tenor. Several English statesmen of our own day

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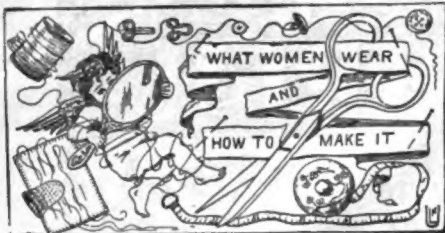
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All shades of violet, heliotrope and all the soft, pinkish shades inclining toward that delicious mauve, are the pets of the hour. A smart costume is built of pink cloth, a rosecolor, very much faded and subdued, lending itself admirably to its decoration of brown fur. There is a skirt panel and vest of white, elaborately braided over in black and gold, and edged everywhere with a narrow band of Russian sable. There is a mulberry tint which promises to be very much in vogue; indeed, I may say that reds, too, have practically taken the lead next to mauve.

For those who can afford the cost, strapping and braiding in most elaborate patterns are being pressed into service. A feature of the strapping being the piping of white on both edges, or the outlining cord of gold braid. Long, slender effects are the acme of good style, a smart model of such a rig showing a costume in brilliant mulberry red broadcloth, with pipings of black satin edging the straps. The tight fitting skirt has a killed flounce much deeper at the back than at the front, giving a wide fan effect at the foot, which effect is necessary to the well-being of all up-to-date skirts. The long coat is single-breasted, and half tight-fitting, the slender look intensified by the strapped seams in the back, and those laid on the front, forming pockets at the bottom. The rather broad coat collar has a facing of black velvet.

The new capes are the quaintest things imaginable, dropping low at the back and sloping upward to nothingness at the neck in front. Bias frills are their decoration, most frequently of their own material, while one and all are elaborately strapped, fur trimmed or braided. In the sketch shown the material is black velvet, the bias flounce set on by a tiny scallop of jet. Across the shoulders is a ruching of black taffeta ending in big rosettes, with fluted ends. The standing collar has a decoration of rosettes at the back.

The favorite hat is of course flaring from the face, sometimes trimmed with a couple of long, drooping plumes, arranged in a flat fashion, and sometimes decorated with tufts of lace and handsome jeweled ornaments.

Is it the outcome of the sash, or the mutability of the modistic mind that leads to the increasing demand for skirts with visible fullness at the back? Be it as it may, the demand is there, and to gratify it comes the skirt with two double box-pleats. For the right and proper hang of a box-pleat, it is essential that the center be on the straight of the material, which entails a bias seam either side of the back and consequently rather more material is

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Although it has been rumored for some time now that veils are to terminate just below the nose, I have scarcely met any one yet bold enough to personally advocate this departure.



But there is certainly a decided inclination to do away with extravagant drapery beneath the chin, and this is to be regretted when for it is substituted that hideous little twisted knot so many girls resort to to keep their veils in position beneath the chin. Although a draw-thread answers all purposes, there is apparently a rooted objection to this mode. An ingenious device resorted to by a harassed friend is to pin the folds together with a tiny jeweled pin, which is unfastened when the veil has need to be raised. This appealed to me as a wrinkle worth repeating.

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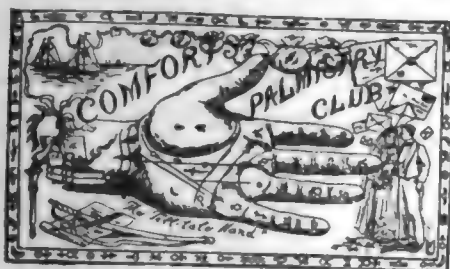
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CONDUCTED BY DIGITUS.

I HAVE several questions to answer this month. One of our club members asks what the marriage line marked on the fate line means when a small line comes between crossing it, when both marriage lines on the Mt. of Mercury have slight forks at the end. I should say it meant where the little line comes between the marriage line and the fate line, some disturbing influence is felt for a short time; that some other person comes between husband and wife for the length of time that this lasts. But where the interference line draws away and the other two lines come together shows where this influence is lost from the life and where the husband and wife come together again as they should. Slight forks at the end of the marriage line have nothing to do with this line, the fork, according to its position may mean a thwarted marriage, or an unhappy one. When the marriage line under the little finger runs down toward the heart line without touching it, it means that the woman possessing it will be left a widow. The complexion of the future husband or wife cannot always be foretold, but when the lines show that this influence comes in under the Mt. of Saturn, it is pretty clear that the person will be a Saturn man; that is a dark one.

"Misfortune" asks a few questions in regard to his hand, says he does not mind answers that indicate misfortune. He asks if he shall be very wealthy. No, he will never be rich. There are no lines to indicate extreme poverty, but he will never be what is known as a wealthy man. His marriage will be a happy one and he will marry the woman he loves. He will travel somewhat toward the close of his life, and will have several lucky journeys but he will not travel during the middle of his life. As I have said before with regard to his hand, the early part of his life is much the more trying; from thirty-five onward his luck will change and everything will be more to his liking.

"Ardent Student" wants to know what the best books on palmistry are, after COMFORT's "Palmistry Guide" and Cheiro's "Language of the Hand." The book by Heron Allen, which can be obtained from any well-stocked



"MILL POND."

book-store, is the best one probably, being made up largely from the old French writers on Palmistry, and containing the old theories which have come down to us from generations back. She also asks what the interpretation of the close joining of the fourth finger to the hand would be. I should say it would mean that the person would not be a good public speaker. That there would be a fear of one's own voice in public, and that the subject would be apt to have stage-fright if she appeared on the platform. If this quality appears in a woman it might mean difficulty in childbirth.

I have three hands to read this month. The first of these belongs to "Mill Pond." It is a hand denoting much delicacy and refinement of character; great tact and strong will-power. This woman could get along with almost any one and manage him easily so that the person would not know he was being managed. There is great delicacy of temperament and of thought. Nervousness is developed to a high degree. There is a love of art and music and of all the beautiful things of life. There is good ability for planning new moves, and an enormous amount of perseverance and courage to carry out ideas. The life line shows a delicate childhood and much illness until after the age of forty-five, when the health will improve with the prospects generally. A change of some sort comes into the life at near forty. I think there will be an illness at about that time, with some preservation from danger, and some radical change in the manner of life. I should think that marriage came at about that time, and it will be a happy marriage lasting for some fifteen years or more, and resulting in wealth, if not actually bringing wealth at first hand. The subject of this hand will be a widow. She does not marry the first one to whom she is engaged. In fact there have been some troubles caused by the affections, bringing deep grief, which have in some way affected the mind during the earlier part of the life. The subject is inclined to melancholia, but will improve as time goes on. There has been a good deal of trouble during the past ten or fifteen years, but much brighter times are ahead. There are several long journeys that will result in good. This is a decidedly peculiar hand in some ways. It shows a high-minded and refined woman, very delicate in all her tastes and pleasures. I think she will have no children. She has always received a good deal of admiration from the opposite sex. The best of her life comes during the latter half of it and she will live to be some sixty-five or seventy years of age; possibly more, as the lower part of the impression which I have is a little blurred.

A good impression comes from "O. M. C." This is the hand of a sensible business person; a person of good judgment and courage, and

one who will probably succeed in life. He will have his way to make, however, through his own exertions, and it will take him a number of years to get fairly on his feet. After the age of twenty-five he will go on smoothly in his business matters until he reaches the age of forty-five, when something will happen that will cause him grief and somewhat unsettle his convictions. It will probably be something connected with a near relative, or his marriage relations. A decided change comes in about five years later, and at not far from the age of fifty he will have a serious illness but he will live on for some twenty years or so after that. I think he will be wealthy during his old age, but will make the money by his own exertions, and not from any favor of others, or any streak of luck. He will always work hard and do well. He will make a good husband, being faithful, honest and true, and is very steadfast and constant in his nature. On the whole, his hand is a fortunate one, and indicates prosperity from the time he gets fairly on his feet until the end of his life. In matters of the heart he will be affectionate, and will probably marry a woman of dark complexion. Marriage with him will not come until about the age of forty or forty-five. In money matters he will be a wise speculator, and will never be a spendthrift, foolish in regard to money. He would succeed if he went into politics, but should not undertake to be a public speaker. On the whole his hand indicates force of character, perseverance, business judgment, and ultimate success.

"E. G. S." is the hand of a woman of delicate and refined character; one who is inclined to keep her affairs to herself, and to bear her own troubles. She lacks in tact, perhaps, but has strong will-power and a strong religious nature, with love of music and books. During the first fifteen years or so of her life she was very much bound down by the influence of others, and has not had a chance to come out for herself, or to form her own ideas. This has in some ways hampered her very much. Her life line is somewhat delicate but it is strengthened by an inner line, showing a better constitution than the life line alone would warrant. She is somewhat pugnacious in disposition and will not sit calmly down and see her own rights trampled upon without uttering a word in protest. She is fond of the opposite sex, of admiration, and is somewhat inclined to be coquettish. She has a good head line, however, which will keep her from being silly in this direction, although I do not think her marriage will come until late in life. Life for her will not be so long as in some cases, although she may confidently expect to see forty-five years at least. She needs to develop a spirit of self-reliance, and to cultivate her own thinking powers more; she depends too much upon the judgment of other people. I don't see signs of great wealth nor of extreme poverty. The latter part of her life, and in fact the middle portion of it looks fortunate. She is not a person who would succeed in any work where she must depend upon her own judgment; that is, if she works for a living she will have to be under guidance, and would never make a successful business-woman by herself. She is better fitted for married life; would make a good mother and a faithful wife.

I trust you have all preserved the directions for taking impressions of hands given in the last number; and also that you will bear in mind the rules for having your palms read in this column.

"E. G. S."

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The Czar's great manifesto for peace seems to be more provocative of discussion than results, and for that reason pessimists declare that it is a useless piece of rhetoric. This can hardly be admitted. It is only one more word added to the sentiment that prompted the advanced thinkers of England and America to urge arbitration as an equivalent for war. The idea of national disarmament has been brought before the conscience of Europe, and the discussion it provokes will prepare the public mind for action at some future time.

The West is nothing if not practical. For years French and German have been a part of the curriculum of public High Schools in spite of the fact that the greatest business outlook for the United States was in the South American Republics where Spanish was entirely the language of business. Chicago and St. Louis schools have recognized the business outlook of our probable new possessions by teaching Spanish in the public schools. The High Schools of New York gave this same opportunity to students last year. This is practical business ability. We have taught some nations to "walk Spanish" and our triumph will be complete when our business men can "talk Spanish."

Thanksgiving Day 1898 will be a real day of thanks all over this great land. The American nation feels that it has fought the good fight and kept the faith of freedom and the right, that it has vindicated the principles of the Declaration of Independence to all the monarchies of the Old World. The nation seems to be entering upon a new era of prosperity with widened commercial aspirations. In thousands and thousands of homes is thanksgiving for the safe return of loved ones who have become heroes in the eyes of the world. In hundreds of others is a mournful feeling of thankfulness that if sons, fathers and husbands must die they have died for their country's honor and fighting for a righteous cause.

Now that Cuba is to be allowed to experiment in governing herself and Porto Rico, and the Philippines are likely to become the property of America, it is interesting to recall the fact that fifty years ago the territory seemed to be passing into the hands of France. The Queen of Spain, Christina, offered to sell these possessions for forty million of reals. The French king haggled over the price but was willing to give thirty million reals for Cuba. Finally he offered seven million in addition for the other possessions. "This," he said, "is my price or else the contract must be thrown in the fire." The Spanish minister who was secretly opposed to the bargain at any price, sprang to his feet and threw the contract in the fire. Fifty years have passed and Spain sees those dependencies passing forever from her control after the expenditure of thousands of precious lives to retain them.

In spite of the undoubted bravery and popularity of the army officers who won fame at Santiago, Dewey is still the popular hero of the

war. It is a strange fact in our history that naval men have never won their way to presidential honors through their victories. With army men military success has seemed the "open sesame" to the doors of the White House. We have but to recall the names of Washington, Jackson, Taylor and Grant to prove this statement. Among the candidates for presidential honors may be named McClellan and Hancock. What civil office has been awarded to men like our first hero, John Paul Jones, to Decatur, to Perry, to McDonough, to Porter, or to Farragut? The fact that naval men of prominence are usually line officers who have been long in the service and who engage in it as a life work, while many men who have risen to military prominence are not "regulars," may account for the seeming caprices of the goddess Fortune. It would seem now that if Dewey or Hobson would accept civil honors any office in the gift of the people might be theirs.

The murder of the Empress of Austria will doubtless result in international effects to suppress the Nihilists. It is just thirty years since the doctrine of Nihilism or total destruction of all existing forms of government both national and individual was first promulgated. Bakounine first advanced the theories at the Congress of the International in Geneva in 1868. Bakounine was a Russian noble who in his youth was a page of the Czar Nicholas. He was a giant in stature but exceedingly repulsive in appearance. At the Congress he proclaimed that he came to announce a new doctrine. The old world must be destroyed and replaced by a new. "Let your own happiness be your only law," said this destroyer of things as they are. The followers of this doctrine have increased during the thirty years of its existence and two European sovereigns and numbers of officials have lost their lives as a direct result of this teaching. If European nations take active measures to drive all suspected anarchists from their dominion the United States will be filled by this refuse of Europe. That is unless the United States takes its rightful position as the sixth great power of the world and acts in concert with the other nations.

The government has at last considered the needs of a very important part of its population and issued an "Old Maid's Chart." That isn't just what they call it but that's what it is. Every state in the Union is colored to represent the excess of its bachelor population over its spinster. Talk about superfluous women! The chart proves that such statements are malicious perversions of fact. The cold figures show that there are actually 2,200,000 more unmarried men than women in this country and that not one state has an excess of female population. Idaho has 1000 per cent. more men than women, Wyoming comes next and not even Massachusetts which has long been considered the special stamping ground of the anxious and aimless mass of unappropriated femininity, shows an excess of men. The old nursery rhyme says, "There's no goose so old and gray but that some gander walks that way." If this seems likely to be disproved the "goose" now has but to examine the government chart and betake herself to the section where the high percentage of "ganders," is indicated. The "Passing of the Old Maid" has been one of the most marked features of the woman movement. We have "bachelor girls" but the real genuine "old maid" belongs to an era of bachelorhood, marigolds and patchwork quilts. Now if we can prove by a chart that she never existed in statistical reality but was only a seeming result of geographical selection, half the romance of New England is gone. Tear up the chart, dispute the figures and give us back the romantic pathetic self-sacrificing "old maid" of early days. She was a minor chord that is needed in the crashing turmoil of modern life.

There are few virtues or vices of modern life so unimportant that they cannot claim a society for their advancement or suppression. Next to assisting our fellow mortals to do something they don't want to do, nothing is more entertaining than to prevent them doing something they do want to do. "SCAPA" is the latest society for looking after the scapegoats of business who are sent forth into the wilderness to make it blossom like a peony with hideous and glaring advertisements. We have commented before on the growing desire of an esthetic and beauty loving public to "get after" these people who prefer rocks, buildings and fences as a medium for reaching the public rather than the advertising columns of a paper. "SCAPA" translated means, "Society for the Correction of the Abuse of Public Advertising." It originated in England and Lord Herchell is its president. It is proposed to have wheelmen take snap shots at some of these monstrosities of modern hustling and then to have these made into lantern slides with which to arouse public sentiment. One prominent man said, "A world entirely free from 'ads,' is a dream too enchanting to be realized." The "SCAPA"ites will have to be very much in earnest and very energetic if they follow the trail of the serpent all over this land. The Adirondack wilderness is popularly supposed to be "far from the madding crowd," but over every boulder and ledge of rocks in the least frequented portions of the mountains was the glaring white and black of an advertisement. There are two interested parties to reform even after the public sentiment has been directed against the matter. The chief sinners live in cities and are the proprietors or "boomers" of the articles advertised. Then there is the farmer who has no artistic perception of the element of beauty which the soft gray "wood color" of his barns or rocks adds to the landscape. To cover these with black paint and gigantic yellow or white letters or to paint some figure of heroic size upon the broadside of the barn seems to him quite legitimate, especially when the price paid adds very materially to his income. "SCAPA" has a hard task before it. The remark that a hard-headed old Yankee used to make as the final condemnation of any and all matters was, "There's no bread in that." It's an unanswerable argument to the larger portion of humanity. "There's no bread" in beauty and when sentiment for the beautiful clashes against sense for the needful the battle is sure to be to the strong.

November affords the best time for certain features of "Nature Study" as the acquaintance with the phenomena of the material world about us is termed in the schools. Children are now taught to observe all the facts of animal, plant and mineral life about them. It

is claimed that this study cultivates the mind and develops the senses to a remarkable degree. There is another side to this work whose benefit cannot be measured. A person trained to a sympathetic observation of Nature is never alone. The secret of happy living lies in the number and variety of the things which we can find of interest. When we cease to feel an active interest in life we cease to grow. The majority of "grown up people" do not avail themselves of the pleasures of Nature which lie about them because they have not been trained to observe. "Tree Study" is at its best during the month of November. The trees, stripped of their mantle of foliage show distinctly their characteristic trunk and branch forms. How many of us observe that the elm always branches in two parts. This separation into two parts is repeated from the first mighty branches out to the tiniest little nodding twig. The oak offers as characteristic a form of branching. The evergreens carry their trunks up to the very top and branch at right angles and parallel with the earth. The varieties of maple present certain signs, the branches always giving an oval or egg shaped structure to the tree. These are facts that we see about us every day and yet how many of us really see them. How many branches or sprigs in a pine cluster? The number is always the same and yet we have seen pine clusters all our lives without being able to give a definite answer to the question. A certain portion of the Adirondack land has been set apart for the use of Cornell University. The scientific study of trees and tree growth is to be carried on here. We are beginning to feel that "the wide, beautiful, wonderful world" will repay all the study which we may give it and "tree study" is but one form of this new and widespread interest.

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join the Cu - ban fray. . . . A mes - sage came from o'er the sea, A sad and thrill - ing strain, And
 coun - try fair to save. . . . With emp - ty homes and bleed - ing hearts, The call was not in vain;
 join the Cu - ban fray. . . . How proud we'll be when they come home, Af - ter much grief and pain;

CHORUS.

bade our lad - dies brave and true, "Not to for - get the Maine." . . . Hur - ra! hur - ra! they gained the day, Our
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THIS is the month when the savory things flourish and the air is full of the odor of mince pies and all the other good things that grace the Thanksgiving feast.

Feasts on this day are more or less the same, the country over. Some have simply the roasted turkey, chicken pie, onions, squash and potatoes for the main portion of the meal, and for dessert the squash or pumpkin pie and mince pie, with fruit, nuts and raisins. This always fills the bill, yet it is often varied by using a goose in place of chicken pie, and by having salads instead of the heavier vegetables. In some parts of the country, notably in the farming districts, the menu is made up of what is easily gotten at—which certainly is not such vegetables as make a nice salad, celery, radishes and lettuce, but the vegetables which have been raised on the farm and which are reposing in the cellar waiting to be eaten. The fruit also, apples, pears and not infrequently hickory nuts and butternuts, are the product of the farm, as is also the monarch of the feast, the turkey.

Every housewife knows, better than we can tell her, how to dress and stuff a turkey, so we are not going to try and make her dissatisfied with the dressing she has been using for forty years, but we have a dressing recipe which is used in Turkey and for those who love a change, and particularly anything that is served in the foreign style we think it will be a good chance to try it.

Clean and truss the turkey; wash and par-boil one cup of rice in boiling water which has been salted; when partially cooked, drain and mix with it one quarter of a pound of washed currants, two ounces of blanched and chopped almonds, twelve French chestnuts peeled and cut into small bits, and one-fourth teaspoonful each of salt, paprika and ground cinnamon. Stir into this mixture half a cup of melted butter. Stuff the turkey with this, sew up the opening and bake on a rack, basting every ten minutes with butter melted in a little hot water. Turn the turkey often and dredge with flour after each basting. Serve with the customary gravy.

A good stuffing for goose or duck is made as follows:

Parboil three onions in two waters. Boil until tender, and in the meantime scald ten sage leaves in hot water; dry thoroughly and chop with the onions very fine; add one and one-fourth cup bread crumbs, one-fourth teaspoon each of paprika and salt; mix well and add two tablespoons butter and bind with two eggs, well beaten.

Another stuffing is made by chopping the liver fine, fry in two tablespoons butter with one tablespoon chopped onion; mix with one-fourth loaf bread crumbs, one-fourth cup butter melted in one-fourth cup hot water; add one tablespoon parsley chopped fine, and the beaten yolk of one egg.

About the most satisfactory dressing, and one which an inexperienced housewife may not be afraid to tackle, is made of one cup of cracker crumbs mixed with one-fourth cup melted butter, salt, pepper and sage to taste; moisten with two-thirds cup of scalded milk.

Prepare the turkey by placing on a rack in a dripping pan; rub the entire surface with salt, spread breast, legs and wings with one-third cup butter rubbed until creamy with one-fourth cup flour. Dredge the bottom of the pan with flour. Bake in a moderate oven about three hours, basting every fifteen minutes with one-half cup butter melted in one-half cup boiling water, and after this is used up, use the fat that is in the pan.

For making the gravy, pour off the liquid from the pan in which the bird has been roasted, skim off four tablespoons of fat, return fat to the pan and brown with four tablespoons flour; add two cups stock in which giblets, neck and tips of wings have been cooked.



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Cook five minutes, season with salt and pepper and strain.

CRANBERRY SAUCE.

Pick over and wash three cups cranberries; put in a stew pan, add one and one-fourth cups sugar and one cup boiling water. Cover and boil ten minutes; skim and cool.

POTATOES IN HALF SHELL.

Bake six medium sized potatoes. Cut a slice from the top of each and take out the inside; mash and add two tablespoons butter, moisten with three tablespoons hot milk, add salt and pepper and then the whites of two eggs well beaten. Refill the skins and bake eight minutes in a hot oven. Sprinkle, if desired, with grated cheese, before baking.

CHICKEN PIE.

Dress, clean and cut up two fowl. Put in a stew pan with half an onion, a sprig of parsley and a bit of bay leaf; cover with boiling water

and cook until tender. When the chicken is half cooked, add one-half tablespoon salt and one-eighth teaspoon pepper. Remove chicken, strain stock, skim fat and then cook until reduced to four cups. Thicken stock with one-third cup flour diluted with enough cold water to pour easily; place an inverted cup in center of baking dish, arrange around it the pieces of chicken, pour over gravy and cool. Cover with plain paste and bake in a moderate oven.

PLAIN PASTE.

Work together one and one-half cups flour and one-fourth cup lard. Add one-half teaspoon salt and one-half cup cold water; wash and chill one-fourth cup butter, fold into the dough, and roll out three times, chilling between each rolling.

FRENCH FRUIT PUDDING.

To one cup finely-chopped suet add one cup each of molasses and sour milk; then add two cups flour mixed and sifted with one and one-half teaspoons soda, one-half teaspoon each of salt and cloves, and one teaspoon cinnamon; add one and one-fourth cups raisins, seeded and chopped, and three-fourths cups currants mixed with one-half cup flour. Turn into buttered mould, fill two-thirds full, cover and steam four hours. Serve with

STERLING SAUCE.

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Vegetables may be put to other uses than the nourishment of the human body, as will be seen by the following suggestions regarding window gardening, which will interest many a small boy during the cold season, when there are so many stormy days in which he cannot go out, and when his stock of playthings gets exceedingly tiresome. Give him some carrots and sweet potatoes and let him busy himself by taking a carrot and cutting it off about five



EGG POACHER.

inches from the thick end; scrape out the yellow center until there is a hole three inches deep. Tie a stout string around the carrot and hang it in a light place, filling the hollow center with water. Soon the young sprouts will begin to shoot, and the feathery leaves will grow out and up and entirely cover the yellow root. Parsnips may be treated in the same way, and we all know that a sweet potato, stuck into a wide mouthed bottle filled with water and hung in the sun, will sprout and soon flourish and brighten the corner in which it hangs.

We recently heard of a small boy who experimented in a very ingenious way. He put a bunch of grape blossoms, still hanging to the mother vine, into a small-necked bottle, tied the bottle to the vine and let it stay there; soon the blossoms dropped off and the grapes began to form and completely filled the bottle; it hung on a sunny side of the vine and so the grapes developed fast. The bottle must, of course, be kept free from dew and water which would fill it after a heavy rain storm, otherwise the fruit will decay. When fully developed, the stem is cut from the vine and the bunch may be preserved in the bottle by filling the bottle with boiling water, into which has been put a few teaspoons of alcohol, and sealing fast with a cork and sealing wax.

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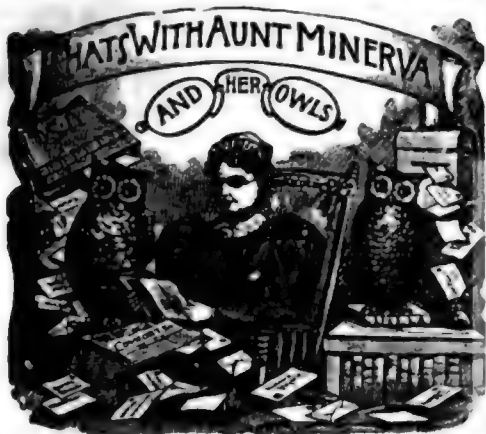
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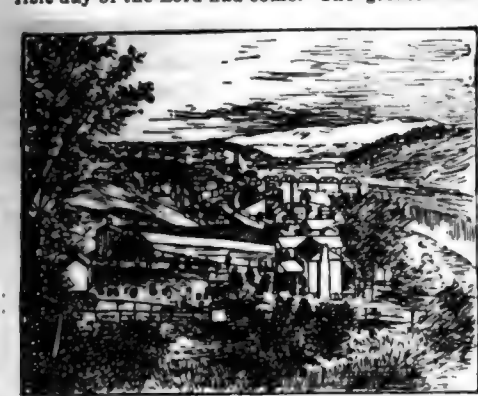
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DEAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS:

November is with us again, and with our first letter a "glance is backward cast" into the Novembers that lie behind us, and have become history. Meteoric showers are common in this month, but the one here described was so far ahead of any other that it will be many a long year before it loses its fame.

"Perhaps some of my readers may have heard, through tradition or through their grandparents, of the great meteoric shower of November, 1833. But as there are few persons now living who were eye witnesses of this grand phenomenon, I will here subjoin a description of it, taken from an old record in my possession, written by an old inhabitant of Lynchburg, Virginia.

"Those who did not witness the magnificent spectacle of the falling meteors," says the writer, "are apt to underrate the event, but its grandeur could not have been surpassed. Imagine a heavy snow storm, with this difference, that the flakes seemed to be of fire. I shall never forget the awful splendor of the scene. Arouse from a profound sleep by the sound of many footsteps, the hum of voices and distant cries, mingled with agonized appeals for mercy, in that awful time when the stars of heaven had apparently fallen and the great and terrible day of the Lord had come. The greatest terror and excitement prevailed at a bridge on the river where were moored about fifty bateaux manned by brave, hardy mountaineers who would not have quailed before an army, but who now fell prostrate with superstitious terror, their loud cries and prayers being echoed back from the cliffs opposite Lynchburg. The fiery meteors, mirrored in the river, assumed to their excited imagination, the form of swords, reaping hooks and scythes, and they were filled with terror, believing the day of judgment to be at hand. A well-known tobacco-plant in Lynchburg who was in pecuniary straits at the time told me that he was greatly shocked at first when he thought the Judgment Day had come, but became more reconciled when he reflected that he need give himself no further concern about his notes in bank. It was an inexpressible relief to me, early next morning, when I heard my mother call the dining-room servant and send him to do our marketing. I took this as an indication that the world was not coming to an end, immediately."



LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

"The above narrative shows us how little scientific knowledge was possessed by the generality of people, in those days, since even intelligent and fairly well educated persons were unable to account for the phenomenon on scientific principles. Nowadays any intelligent school boy would be less staggered by this phenomenon than were the men and women at that day."

MARY W. EARLY, Wingina, Va.

Here is a letter from a San Antonio cousin admonishing us to pay more attention than we do to the beauties which lie spread around us in our own country before we rush off to foreign countries for sight-seeing. His advice is certainly well worth following. He says:

"It is often said that Americans know more of the wonders, scenery and industries of foreign lands, generally, than they do of their own, and that they marvel more over, take greater interest in and spend more money on the former than they do on the latter.

"In our broad expanse of territory we have so-called deserts which, were it not for railroads that traverse them, would to some extent rival Sahara. Mineral springs abound in many sections of our country, Texas being full of them. The waters of these springs vary in temperature from hot to cold, and contain a variety of mineral constituents, including iron and sulphur. Their medicinal virtues

are great, rivaling if not excelling, those of Europe and other portions of the world.

"As for Artesian wells, they are also common here. A natorium in the very heart of the business portion of this city is supplied by one of these, and a stone's throw away another furnishes part of the water supply for this city of sixty thousand inhabitants. Both of these are within a few feet of the banks of the San Antonio river. Private institutions like Santa Rosa Hospital, St. Joseph's Orphanage for boys and St. Louis College have their own water supply of Artesian wells, and elsewhere gardens and nurseries are made to blossom like an eternal summer time by this priceless gift which comes gushing and sparkling from the bosom of mother earth.

"As for natural scenery, what is there grander or more awe inspiring than our own Rocky, Adirondack, Alleghany and other mountains? Consider the infinite grandeur of the Yellowstone region, the Grand Canyon of the Pecos in Texas, or the Yosemite Valley.

"What could be more picturesque than the sylvan banks of our own San Antonio river, which winds its serpentine course for miles through the city of the Alamo.

"It is not enough to heed the injunction 'Know thyself.' It should be supplemented with 'know thy country.'"

FELIX PROBANDT, San Antonio, Texas.

A new correspondent from southern Alabama sends us a very interesting letter on truck farming in that region. I wish others of our southern and western cousins would send us letters on kindred subjects.

"Truck farming in the South is an industry which has assumed large proportions in the last few years. The opening up of new railroads, the fast freight accommodations afforded and the cheapening of rates, has made it possible for the grower of early vegetables in the South to put them in the Northern markets at a time of the year when prices rule the highest.

"In southern Alabama, which has been my home for the past eight years, the pine belt extends inland about one hundred miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Wherever the timber has been removed and the land is nearly level and convenient to some shipping point are the places selected by the truck farmer. All kinds of vegetables grow readily, but the crops that receive the most attention are cabbage, string beans, cucumbers, melons and Irish potatoes. The soil most sought for is a sandy loam with a clay subsoil. The plowing is done in December and January. By the middle of January cabbage plants are put out, having been raised in a cold frame and protected from the frost. From the first to the fifteenth of February Irish potatoes are



ALABAMA CORN FIELD.

planted, and during the month of March cucumbers, beans and melons. About the first of May cabbage can be shipped and the other vegetables follow soon after. The railroads run fast freight trains starting from Mobile and taking on cars at different points. In twenty-four hours they arrive in St. Louis and a few hours later in Chicago. The rates on produce are about thirty-five cents per hundred weight. The goods are consigned to commission merchants who usually charge ten percent on sales. The colored people are depended upon for help, and there is no trouble in getting men at seventy-five cents a day, and women at fifty cents, to work in the field, boarding themselves. Fertilizers have to be used on these lands and make the largest item of expense. Cotton seed meal, kainit and acid phosphate are bought and mixed in varying proportions for different crops. Cotton seed is a product of Alabama. Kainit is used for the potash it contains and is brought from the salt mines in Germany, and phosphate is produced in Florida and South Carolina. It costs about ten dollars an acre to fertilize cucumbers and melons, and from thirty to forty dollars per acre for cabbage. After the first crop is shipped, corn is planted or a crop of hay raised on the ground without any additional fertilizers.

"This business of truck farming has its drawbacks as well as other kinds of farming. An untimely frost may do much damage, or a dry time just as crops are maturing. We have a very healthy climate in the midst of the pine woods. The water is pure and good. The expenses of living are much less than in the North. Fuel is abundant and cheap, and we require very little in this climate even in the winter time. Fruit of all kinds is plentiful. We have hot days in the summer, but the nights are always cool, as we get the breeze from the Gulf. To the health seeker, if not to the wealth seeker, this is an ideal country."

GEORGE H. JORDAN, Citronelle, Ala.

The following letter is from a cousin who takes us with her on a voyage to Gibraltar and the Mediterranean sea. It should have appeared in the issue of *Comfort* for September as a prize letter, but was accidentally omitted in the "make-up" of the paper. I hope it will be none the less welcome now. Many good things, you know, are improved by keeping.

"I have been much interested in the letters which Aunt Minerva opens for us to read, and wonder if some of you would not enjoy a glimpse of an old city and fort as I have recently seen them. Our trip was by the German Mediterranean service, and it proved to be a delightful voyage.

"Our first glimpse of land was the Azores Islands. They are very beautiful in the distance, rising out of the clouds. We also had sight of Cape St. Vincent as we passed, but it was when we neared Gibraltar, and the great Rock, mighty in its vastness, stood out as a fortress, that enthusiasm reached the highest point among the passengers. We were three hours in Gibraltar, giving us sufficient time to see the grand old place. It is, indeed, a sight to be remembered, with its narrow, crooked streets, the places where people live hewn out of solid rock, the beautiful flowers growing everywhere, the funny little carriages drawn by stout mules, and the old Moors in their flowing robes; and above all, around all, through all, the English soldiers. It seems not only that the Rock is a fortress, but that the whole town is a mass of forts. The inside seems one continual ascent, with oval places about the size of small rooms beautifully smoothed and containing large guns. The Rock itself, viewed from the sea, is never the same. To-day, with the bright sun upon it, it is brilliant, rosy, and lovely; to-morrow it may be dark and gloomy, and frown fiercely upon you.

"The old Moorish markets, or the quaint bazars of the Turks and Arabs, the smart English shops and Spanish cafes, are well worth seeing. The Park of Gibraltar is called the Alameda, and here is almost a wilderness of flowers; they climb, with their wealth of verdure and bright blossoms, over the grim cannon and fortresses; hedge-rows of geraniums and heliotropes, higher than a man's head, nod in the soft sea-breeze, and well-kept walks, fringed by stately trees, thread in and out. Across

the sea can be seen the Mount of Apes, in Africa; and across the bay nestles Algeciras, one of the white, Spanish villages.

"Returning to the ship we were soon in the Mediterranean Sea, journeying on, through the blue water upon whose shores once lived Homer, Horace, Virgil and Dante."

B. T. O.

"It is not generally known that there is a notable cave in the South besides 'Mammoth' at Louisville, Alabama, however, has an underground Mecca



VIEW FROM BANGOR CAVE.

which is situated thirty-three miles from Birmingham on the Southern Railroad and three miles north of that popular old camping ground for society folks, Blount Springs.

"The cave is in the midst of a beautiful park, and, (whisper it softly) it is said, was once presided over by a well-known boy with a magic lamp, and the Witch of Endor. The custodian of recent years is a mysterious creature who for five cents dispenses brilliant fortunes by means of coffee grains. I may be a traitor when I tell you, in strictest confidence, that there have been various grounds for complaint by her patrons, as the wrong fellow always gets the right girl, and the boy's predictions are seldom verified. The church is quite an imposing edifice, as the illustration which accompanies this attests, and it may be seen on emerging from the cave, from the summit of a hill to the eastward. The hotel and county store may also be seen in the picture. The drawing was made after a light snow storm. But to return to the cave—it is really beautiful even by the dim illumination of candle light, and it is quite a perilous ascent to the top. The growth of fungus moss lends a disagreeable odor to the retreat. There are some glittering stalactites crusting the most remote portions of the cave. Altogether the experience of a visit to Bangor cave is unique and pleasurable to the lover of subterranean wonders."

RUBY KYLE BEALL, Birmingham, Ala.

From Alabama to Vermont is hardly more of a step, physically, than the mental stride from truck farming to the wonders of Ausable Chasm, but I think my readers will enjoy making the change with me.

"I visited, not long since, my native State of Vermont, and while there renewed my acquaintance with many beautiful places which were still fresh in my mind, though I had lived twelve years in the far west, and had seen many wonderful and beautiful bits of scenery during my absence. I had looked forward with great eagerness to a visit to Ausable Chasm, being anxious to see if it still seemed as weird and beautiful as when I had first been there, and I must say I was not at all disappointed when I was again in the cool, deep gorges of this most wonderful natural chasm.

"Though this striking bit of nature is not in Vermont, it is only across Lake Champlain and very easy of access. The steamer is taken at Burlington for Port Kent, on the west side of the Lake. This is a most delightful sail of an hour, and Port Kent is an interesting old village, well worth an hour's stroll. There are many old mansions, one called The Castle being the most noted; it is very old and built of stone, being copied from a French chateau; it was a famous house in its time, and saw many grand scenes. Here lived Elkanah Watson, a man of considerable note in the early history of the country. A picture of historic interest in the house is a portrait of said Watson painted by Copley. When King George recognized the independence of the United States Elkanah Watson stood on the steps of the throne; he went at once to Copley and had his portrait painted with the design of the American flag in his hand. This was the first time the Stars and Stripes were transferred to canvas.

"At Port Kent, in the old days, a Tally-ho coach was taken for the three mile drive over a plank road to the Chasm. Now the railroad is run and one has to go by train, which is to be deplored, as one of the loveliest drives imaginable is thus done away with. Arrived at the Chasm the visitor rooms



SHOOTING THE RAPIDS.

at will through the caves, corridors and natural rooms, gaining access to same from long flights of steps leading, apparently, into the bowels of the earth. A ride over the rapids in a large, flat-bottomed boat that will hold twenty people, is one of the features of the trip through the Chasm, and the novel sensation of shooting the rapids and floating over unknown depths, is something long to be remembered; the boatman is trustworthy and understands the narrow cuts, and so guides the boat in safety, between the steep walls one hundred and fifty feet high, out into the open river and into the sunshine of the outer world."

CONSTANCE LESSING, Los Angeles, Cal.

Many thanks to my niece, Isabel Hissard, of Coxsackie, N. Y., for her personal letter to me. I think you must be mistaken, Isabel, in thinking that I did not notice the one you sent me before. Your name is in my book, and I think I must have

acknowledged your letter. However, write to me again soon, and give me a chance to become better acquainted with you.

Now we have a letter from a cousin in Cleveland, Ohio, describing the process of making an iron column.

"The moulder first digs out a hole in the sand as long as the pattern, which may be either for a square, or a round column. For the square column the pattern is made in one piece; for the round one, which is the one I propose to describe, it is made in two pieces. Next he puts down in the hole a plank two inches thick, five inches wide, and as long as the pattern. On top of this plank he throws about five inches of sand, and with one-half of the pattern he makes an impression in the sand; after that he takes the pattern out and puts on what he calls facing sand, about half an inch thick, replaces the pattern, and with a sledge hammer he raps it down solid. Then he rams it with sand up even with the joint at its top, and makes a parting. After that he puts on the top half of the pattern, or cope, as it is called, next to the flask. This is rammed up and lifted off. Then the cope is rolled over and the pattern is drawn out of the sand, which is finished by polishing with blacking or plumbago. The bottom half is done in the same way. Gates through which to pour in the metal, are cut at one end of the cope, and at the other end is a riser to show when the mould is full. Then chaplets are driven into the bottom plank for rests for the core which makes the column hollow, and side chaplets are put in. The same is done with the cope in order that it may stand perfectly even and true. The cope is then put on; then weights, which are about three times as heavy as the column to be made, are put on top of the mould and chaplets are applied to make everything secure. The mould is then ready to be filled. The gas that accumulates in the copes escapes at both ends of the mould and it is lighted as it comes out and burned off. This ends the work on an iron column."

J. M. BROOKS, Cleveland, Ohio.

And now I will leave you to the delights of an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner and festival, hoping that such pleasures are in store for every one of my readers. We have much to be thankful for this year. In addition to the many private blessings that come to us all at every moment of our lives, we have this year the added blessing of peace in our land—the early and happy ending of the war with Spain into which we were forced last spring. That it is so, and that this issue has been brought about with so little loss of life upon our side is a cause of great rejoicing for us; but while we lift our hearts to our Heavenly Father in thankfulness for his watchful care and love let us not forget those among us whose dear ones have given their lives for their country, and who, on this day of feasting and merriment, are gazing with brimming eyes on the vacant seat of husband, father or brother. May God comfort them.

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The Reading Room of the Congressional Library.

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HE Congressional Library Building has been so widely and exhaustively written upon during the past two or three years that it would almost seem to be "carrying coals to Newcastle" to offer another paper on the subject; and yet the writer feels that a few words on the library in its new home, and especially on the Reading-room and its workings may not be unacceptable to the readers of COMFORT.

The reading-room of the Congressional Library, which is octagonal in shape, occupies the center of the building, directly beneath the great dome, and is open to the top of the lantern. Upon the ceiling of the lantern, which forms the apex of the domed ceiling of the room, is an exquisite picture painted by Edwin H. Blashfield, representing, together with the series of pictures in the collar of the dome below, "The Evolution of Civilization." It is not the purpose of this article to describe at length the decorations of the room, so the extreme beauty of the design and coloring of these paintings must be left to the reader's imagination.

The room is lighted, almost entirely, by eight semi-circular windows, measuring, each one, thirty-two feet across the base. These are high up in the wall, directly beneath the convexity of the dome, and furnish a most agreeable light to the reader, as they are not so trying to the eyes as though on a level with them, nor so dazzling as skylights. These windows are double, and are made of softly-stained and cracked glass which subdues the entering light and shuts out the direct sunbeams. In the middle of each window, near the top, is the great seal of the United States, four feet high, and made of beautifully colored glass; while surmounting the seal is the American eagle, whose outstretched wings measure eight feet from tip to tip. To the right and left, following the curve of the window, are the seals of the States and Territories, three on a side, or six in each window; so that forty-eight States and Territories, excluding only Alaska and Indian Territory, are represented.

Besides these large windows are four small ones in the four walls of the octagon which face the courts, and, above all, the eight windows in the lantern.

In the evening the light, which is furnished entirely by electric lamps, is quite as perfect in its way as in the daytime. On the floor the reading desks are equipped with sixty-eight bronze standards, each holding three lamps, making two hundred and four in all. Add to these the seventy-six lamps in use in the distributing desk and the bookstacks, and we have two hundred and eighty on the floor alone. About the walls and cornices are thirteen hundred and fifty more lamps, making a brilliant illumination when the lights are turned on.

Beneath the large windows is the circular gallery, extending entirely around the rotunda, from which sightseers may look down—and up—into the reading-room. Beneath this still, are two tiers of bookstacks where are arranged the most necessary and most frequently called-for standard works on all important topics.

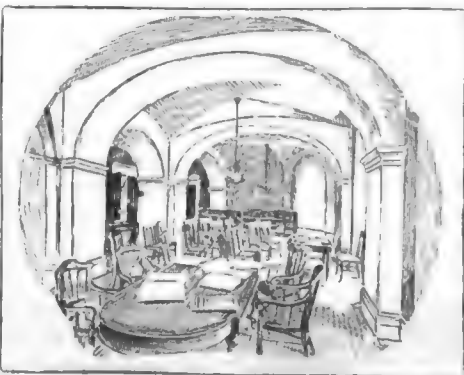
The floor of the reading-room is fitted up entirely in mahogany—heavy, dark, rich and solid. The reading desks are arranged in three circles, surrounding the distributing desk as a center. They are supported on iron standards with gratings admitting warm or fresh air for heating or ventilation. The innermost row is a combination of reading-tables, settees and standing writing-desks, with shelves for reference-books, encyclopaedias, dictionaries, directories, atlases, etc. The outer rows are double-faced, and are arranged exclusively for persons reading and studying. The desks are capable of seating two hundred and forty-six readers, and, including the alcoves which are adapted to the needs of special students, the total number of readers that can be accommodated here at one time is two hundred and eighty-nine.

The distributing desk is surrounded by a circular counter where books are delivered and received, and which contains cases for the card

Books are only issued to readers for use in the room. Formerly, according to a rule adopted in 1815, the librarian was allowed to loan books to any person not a Member of Congress upon a deposit of five dollars, the same to be returned upon the return of the books in good condition; but, as this conflicted with the Revised Statutes, the plan was discontinued in 1895, and the deposits returned. Upon entering the room the reader fills out a printed slip for each book which he wishes to consult, signs it, adds the number of the desk which he will occupy while reading, hands it to one of the librarians, and seats himself in his chosen desk to wait. The books are soon brought to him, and he reads and writes in quiet and luxurious ease as long as he wishes; then returns the books at the central desk and receives again his filled out and self-signed blank as a receipt or voucher that he has returned the books.

No noise is allowed in the room and no conversation. "SILENCE" is printed in large golden letters on the doors of the room, on the circular counter, and in the visitors' gallery. No sight-seers are allowed on the floor of the reading-room; a watchman is stationed at the door to whom every one is obliged to state that he wishes to read before being allowed to enter the room. This watchman also keeps a record of the number of readers entering in the course of each day.

Among the readers are to be observed many students and others who are diligently occupied in jotting down the facts gleaned from the books they read. Here is an old, white-haired man, whose four-score years have nearly rounded out his life in this world. He has a tower of books beside him, and is utterly absorbed in his work of writing a history of "Ye Olden Times." A pretty girl at the desk across the way has one huge volume from which she is gathering facts on art, ancient and modern. Yonder is a newspaper correspondent who writes fast and furiously for a time, and then lolls back with one leg over the arm of his chair, and his eyes fixed rapturously on Blashfield's beautiful painting in the ceiling. This is called "The Human Understanding," and represents an exquisitely lovely female figure with lifted veil and eyes gazing wistfully and searchingly above her. Our weary N. C. evidently hopes to gain from her an inspiration for his next paragraph. Here, at three different desks, are as many gray-haired, but middle-aged ladies, with books and notebooks, "writing for the press;" and at the counter are two pretty young girls who each want "a nice story to read."



READING-ROOM FOR BLIND.

Below, in the basement, in a plain, unadorned apartment, is the reading-room for the blind. Although subdued and quiet in its coloring the room is exceedingly artistic and picturesque by reason of the labyrinth of narrow arches and columns which support its roof. The room is filled with tables and chairs for the use of the blind readers, and perhaps three hundred of the immense volumes printed in raised type used by the blind are here. These are arranged on low bookshelves at the side of the room. Little Women, Ruskin's Sesame and Lilies, Pilgrim's Progress, some of Dickens' works, volumes of poetry, works on mathematics and the sciences, and many other equally useful and valuable books are on the shelves. About fifty new books have been purchased, and will be added to this collection at once. A most gentle and pleasing young lady is in attendance to give any assistance in her power to the helpless frequenters of the room. Unfortunately, many of those who would gladly avail themselves of the privileges here offered them are too poor to pay the car fares to and from the Library, especially as they must always have a companion to lead and care for them. Some of the ladies of Washington have taken this matter up, and are now making systematic search for such needy ones and providing them, free of expense, with escorts and transportation to and from the Library.

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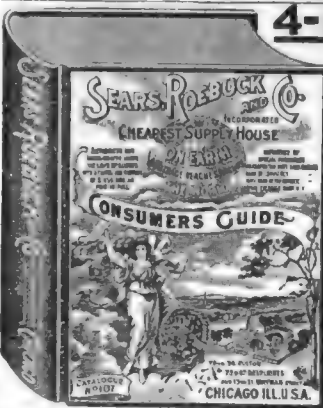
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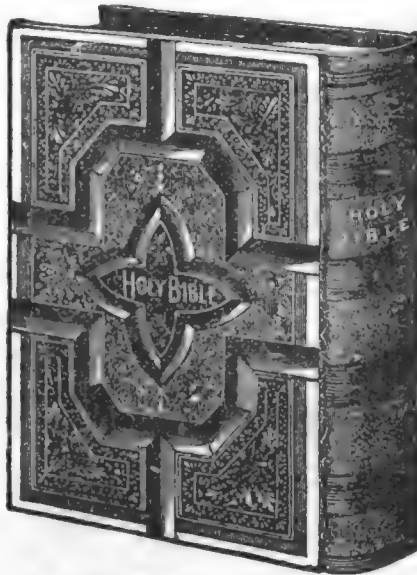
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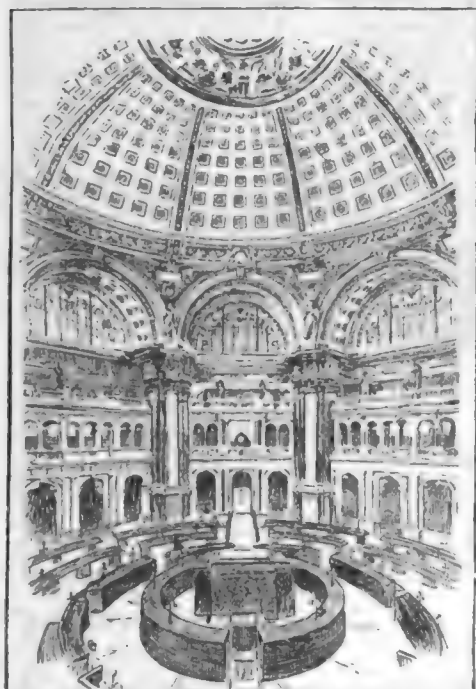
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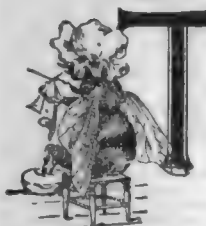


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HERE comes to this department, frequently, inquiries regarding articles already described and illustrated, or articles that some one wants to have described; these inquiries are answered by personal letters, when stamps are enclosed for reply,—but, there are some this month that can be answered through these columns, and then all the readers will get the benefit of them.

To Miss B. Wheeler of Fort Jones, California, in reply to her inquiry about the Ascot tie,—it takes a yard and a quarter of ribbon to go around the neck and tie in what is called the four-in-hand, with one end reaching to the belt. The Ascot is the same as the four-in-hand except that the latter is made up with a lining, and the former with a loose end of the silk only,—somewhat broader than the four-in-hand—but the knot is tied in the same way. We will endeavor to give some illustrations in the near future in this department, that will show you just how to tie an Ascot.

To Mrs. D. M. Norwood of Seymour, Texas, would say that the patterns of Battenburg work used in the September issue of COMFORT are quite common, and that any large fancy shop or dry goods store would be glad to tell a purchaser how much material would be needed. If you live away from the city or a large town and so cannot make your own selection, write to the nearest town where such things are kept and ask them to send you the material for a Battenburg centerpiece, and any enterprising firm will gladly do so.

We are greatly obliged to Mrs. Whigham of Savannah, Ga., for her suggestion regarding embroidery on gingham. This is something new to us, but if we come across any of it will gladly describe and illustrate same.

We give some more letters from the alphabet for the benefit of those of our readers who care to copy them for use in marking lines. Cut them out and keep them always on hand, with a piece of impression paper, as they are very useful.

Next month we hope to be able to make some suggestions for Christmas gifts; there seem to be very few really new ideas on the market, especially as early in the season as the present writing, for which reason we are obliged to postpone giving anything in this line until our next issue, which we hope will not be too late for you to avail yourselves of any which may strike your fancy. While waiting for these suggestions, why not make up some cold cream to be presented to intimate friends and relatives; it is a most acceptable present and highly appreciated by the recipients, who are sure of its being made of only wholesome ingredients and so is perfectly harmless. The little glass jars with silver tops cost only fifteen cents each, or two for twenty-five cents, in city stores, and if one bought six or more there would probably be a reduction in the price—and what a neat little present the jar filled with the cream would be; of course toilet articles of this nature are generally only exchanged in a family and not sent outside to friends, unless very intimate ones. To make a good cream, shred half an ounce of white wax and one ounce spermaceti very fine and mix in a bowl placed in a larger dish of boiling water. When well blended, add a gill of almond oil and stir well; then add one and one-half ounces glycerine and twelve drops simple tincture of benzoin, and continue to stir until the cream is nearly cold, when pour into the jars. If glycerine is irritating to the skin use rosewater in its place.

Here is a recipe for cleansing gloves which is vouched for by a certain society belle, and is so simple it is well worth trying: Take a jar or tin box with a tight-fitting cover and put into the bottom of it a lump of ammonia; the jar must be deep enough to allow of the suspension of the gloves from the cover without their touching the ammonia; leave them in the jar five days, and every spot and stain will have vanished; several pairs may go through the process at the same time, if the jar is a large one.

Many people have a rooted antipathy to rubbers; it must be admitted that they are uncomfortable, and if one wears boots with very heavy soles they may be dispensed with if one will follow these directions for waterproofing the soles of the boots: Mix together equal quantities of nut-suet and beeswax, place over a fire until soft and then rub the stitching at the edges of the soles with the preparation.

When furnishing a bedroom, bear in mind not only the general appearance of the room and convenience to yourself of the arrangement of the furniture, but more particularly the placing of your bed; the bed should by rights be placed out from every wall, so that there

may be a free circulation of air around all sides; if room for this arrangement cannot be spared, place only the head of the bed against the wall, and for goodness' sake don't have any draperies above it, as these same draperies, while very entrancing to look at, are anything but healthful, as the sleeper breathes and rebreathes the air contained and held in the folds, and so brings upon herself untold headaches which she is at a loss to account for; above all things avoid a draped bedstead which is placed in a corner, as the corners are the very hardest parts of the room to thoroughly ventilate.

I wonder how many of our readers ever heard of clothes balls? They are simply a mixture formed into the shape of a ball, and to be used in removing spots and stains from clothing. If you care to make some to test their value, use the following recipe: Dry some fuller's earth in the oven until it forms a crumbling powder; moisten it with lemon juice, add a small amount of pearl ash, and knead the whole into a stiff paste. Form into small balls and harden in air. When a spot is to be removed moisten it with water and rub it with one of the balls; rinse thoroughly with clear water and the stain will disappear.

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PHILANDA'S GOAT.

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WAS the only thing poor Philanda ever could claim as her very own—this meek, soft-eyed creature, with the silky milk-white fleece of the Angora goat. To Philanda, however, its chief beauty was that it was hers—all hers.

There was a large flock of these goats belonging to the Seminole camp, or more particularly to Aunt Susannah (Philanda's grandmother), which roamed over the chaparral, as the bush covered Texas plains are called—between the garrison where Marian Hart, the major's little daughter, lived and the huts of the Seminoles. But Marian coveted this one particular goat of Philanda's. As for the goat, he would gain nothing by this exchange of mistresses, for Marian simply wanted his skin.

In former times these negroes were the slaves of the Seminole Indians. Since their freedom they have wandered from place to place, a portion of them settling in the southwest part of Texas. The men are employed by the government as scouts, and their families are allowed to remain on the reservation near the garrison.

Such had been Philanda's home until the age of twelve she had gone to the major's house as a servant. Poor, ignorant, untrained little Philanda! You can imagine what a life she led Mrs. Hart, her mistress, and also, though no one seemed to think much of this, what a life Mrs. Hart led Philanda.

It was a delicious day in December and Philanda's "afternoon out" so she joyfully turned her back on civilization and started for the camp. As Marian caught sight of her she decided that there could be no better time than the present to wheedle Philanda into selling her the goat, for she wanted the skin for a birthday gift to her mother and the day was now coming on apace. She joined Philanda, saying that she would walk half way out to the camp with her.

By and by Marian's quick eye discovered Aunt Susannah's goats going down to the creek to drink. She begged Philanda to follow them and point out her special property.

"Yan's dat's my goat," said Philanda at length. "My fader he done giv it ter me de las time he was down ter der camp. He sez ter mesez he, 'Hi yes Philanda, I'ze gwine ter sprize yer now. I'ze gwine ter gib yer a present.'"

"Dat'll be a mighty big sprize sho enuff," sez I an' I gits up an' go hide down by de creek cause I b'lieve wot he wuz gwine ter gib me was jest a big likin'." But laws I'm bleezed ter say dat he tole de troof fur oncet. So dat goat Miss Mayan, do it herds in wid my gramther's goats b'longe ter me. I kin sell it but I ain't gwine ter sell it. I'ze gwine ter keep it fer always so's ter own sumpin'."

"But Philanda don't you see if I give you twenty-five cents for his skin you'll own that instead," said Marian, blandly.

"Sho now Miss Mayan how long d'yer spose I'ze gwine ter own twenty-five cents?"

"You'll buy something down to the store with it, say a ring. I saw some for twenty-five cents—lovely ones with diamonds in them."



"MINE AM DE BIGGEST GOAT."

But Philanda shook her head solemnly. Rings were well enough in their way—very well indeed, but looked at as property they were not comparable to goats.

"Yan's dat's my goat an' he's de bigges'," she said. "I kin sell him but I aint a-gwine ter sell him. No Miss Mayan taint no use coaxin'."

Marian looked down rather crossly at the lazy outstretched figure of poor Philanda who had flung herself on the ground and was gazing with a contented sense of proprietorship at the coveted goat.

"You are a disobedient selfish girl then!" she cried. "Just to think how good mamma has been to you and how much she has taught you and you just as aggravating all the time as you could be. I should think you would be glad to let me have the skin for her."

"De goat am mine an' I aint a-gwine fur ter sell him now," murmured Philanda pleasantly. "It's de bigges' ob de hull flock."

Exasperated and disappointed Marian no longer tried to control herself.

"I hope mamma will send you back to your grandmother and I believe she will. She says you don't even try to improve and her patience is worn out. To think of your eating up the chicken pie she made for papa and then of the dishes you break. There isn't a day Philanda that you don't break one."

"Mo dan dat," interrupted Philanda, cheerfully, "mo dan one, cos dere wuz de sugar bowl an' one tumbler terday, an' I disremember de partiklers ob de day befo'."

"And when she scolds you," went on Marian, severely, "You just stand and laugh. No wonder she is discouraged. She says you don't care anything for her and I see it's true."

"Did she say dat? Laws! it aint true, but I cert'nly did eat up de pie she done made fur de major. I wuz mighty hungry dat time or I jes wouldn't have done it an' anyhow Miss Mayan nobuddy would eber a eaten dat pie dat would a wanted it mo'n I did. Yass I do break de dishes—heaps an' heaps ob dishes but it's dere fault more'n mine, dere aint no sense in dere hoppin and skippin bout' de way dey do. Mebbe I larf w'en yer mudder scolds me but I cert'nly feel powerful bad inside ob if yer see I'm bleezed ter look pleasant. Dat las you see

do, ef yer'll seuse me Miss Mayan, aint de troof fur I jes tink a heap ob yer mudder."

Marian however, now convinced that Philanda was not to be coaxed into selling her the goat, was already hurrying toward the garrison. She was horrified at the ingratitude of the little Seminole and not for a moment realized that her own part in the affair was not altogether creditable, yet she was trying to drive a sharp bargain with Philanda whose debt of gratitude after all, was not to her but to her mother.

Philanda gazed after her with reproachful eyes. Those manifold sins Marian charged her with had already slipped off her easy conscience but she was not ungenerous nor unloving and a sense of Mrs. Hart's displeasure troubled her. Every now and then during the pleasant free hours of the afternoon she muttered to herself.

"Twan't de troof no how, fur I tink a heap ob her mudder."

Late in the afternoon she sauntered on to her grandmother's jocal. The old negress was sitting outside her door under the shelter of the queer rough porch or piazza, which is built as a sort of extension to each hut.

Aunt Susannah was a person of distinction. To begin with she was older than any one in the camp and she carried herself with a dignity that became her years. She had enjoyed the advantage of travel, once having been to Indian Territory to see her daughter and years ago she had been taken as nurse to Charleston by one of the army ladies. This last fact added a great deal to her sense of her own importance. When she caught sight of her grandchild she stood up brandishing a stick, crying:

"Yer lazy triffin' nigger, yer. Whar've yer ben all dis arternoon. I'ze jest ben a-waitin fer yer I'ze gwine ter teach yer ter eat up w'ite folks chicken pie an' den larf at 'em. I'ze gwine ter gib yer a likin' now as is wuth wiles."

"Laws now, gram'ther yer powerful smart ter fin' out 'bout dat ar' chicken pie," said Philanda skipping about to avoid the blows. "Pears if Miss Mayan run clar up hyar ter tell yer 'bout it. Ow! ow! gram'ther I aint gwine ter eat no mo chicken pie fer her ar' sher."

"Miss Mayan? no sar, but Mis' Hart herself drove up here dis mawning fur ter tell me she wuzn't a gwine ter keep yer no longer cause her temper wuz a-gittin' ruz up orffe a tryin' to teach yer ter be a respectable nigger."

"She sez 'twant no kinder use yer wuz dat ongrateful an' didn't 'pear ter keer nuffin' t'all fur her."

"Dat aint de troof cos I do keer fur her," said Philanda, solemnly. "I don keer nuffin' t'all fur Miss Mayan; but I keer a heaps an' a heaps fur her mudder." Presently she broke out again. "Gramther Miss Mayan wants de skin ob my goat. She sez in Marsachusetts whar she kums fum dey puts 'em on de floor in de houses. Whar's Marsachusetts, gramther?"

Aunt Susannah lifted her shoulders and spread out her skinny, old hands.

"I nebber heerd on it, chile, an' I speat it aint no account no how. I disremember eber hearin' 'bout no sech a place as Marsachusetts. De Major kum fum dar I reckon, cos Mis' Hart she kum fum South Carliney. Laws now I know whar 'tis. I heerd 'bout it w'en I wuz down in Charleston. It's dat place dey wuz a buildin' up on de udder side ob de creek. How much wuz Miss Mayan gwine ter gib yer fur de skin?"

"Twenty-five cents," answered Philanda.

"Wail, taint nuff. Dat ar goat am de bigges' goat ob de hull flock. Yer jes tell her yer aint a gwine ter sell de skin fur no sech a price as dat ar."

"I aint gwine ter sell it fur no price 'tall," said Philanda, firmly. "I know jes wot I'm gwine ter do."

December was passing away without a touch of winter weather. The days were balmy and beautiful and Christmas found the roses still blooming in the little gardens in front of the officers' quarters. Mrs. Hart's birthday came early in January and long before that time Marian's gift was bought and daintily tied up in white paper with pink ribbons. Instead of the goat skin she had been forced to content herself with a selection from the poor little stores in the town for which fact she could not forgive Philanda.

Philanda's month was now nearly out and the time was drawing nigh when she must go back to her grandmother at the camp. With all her strength she had striven to amend—to be useful, to be forgiven, and poor little soul, the effort had not been even suspected.

So the days passed till the birthday morning dawned. When Mrs. Hart opened her chamber door her eyes fell on the soft, glossy fur of an Angora goat. There was no card upon it but with a pleasant smile as if, nevertheless, she recognized the giver, she passed on. At Marian's door she stopped, smiled again and looked back at the skin, then, since it was early and not wishing to waken the family she crept softly from the main hall into the L.

The door of the cook's room was open—for the cook had already gone below—but a voice, soft and musical, issued thence. Then she saw the little black girl on her knees, her eyes closed tight and rocking herself to and fro in the earnestness of her petition.

"Oh, Lord," pleaded Philanda, "make me clean an' smart an' handy like de wite folks. Make de dishes so dey aint gwine ter drap eb'ry time I go fur ter tech 'em. An' jes lemme not be hungry w'en I'm lef alone wid de pies an' de cake. Oh, Lord, make Mis' Hart b'lieve dat I keer a heap fur her cos it's de sollum troof. An' oh, Lord, in partiker make me forgit dat I own nuffin' t'all on dis yarth, not eben a goat no mo'." Amen.

With tears in her eyes Mrs. Hart passed silently on, grateful for this glimpse into Philanda's heart, and with the determination of giving the little Seminole a further trial.

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THE LIQUEFACTION OF AIR.

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AD any one gifted with second-sight foretold, fifty years ago, the wonderful discoveries soon to be made in the world of science—the marvelous strides in the way of improvements which would go on in the civilized world during the next fifty years—he would have been regarded either as demented or a brazen liar. The steam engine and the telegraph took the world by surprise; the telephone caused it to fairly gasp in amazement; but when Edison fol-

lowed this by his many inventions in electric lighting, heating and power, people received these wonders, as they came into existence from his fertile brain, as marvels almost too great for comprehension. Two years ago, when word came from Germany that a certain professor there had succeeded in passing light through opaque bodies, such as leather, wood or flesh, people were slow to believe in the truth of the report. The marvel was too great for credence. To-day the Roentgen Ray is an established fact, and the fluoroscope is a necessary part of every surgeon's outfit.

Now we are called upon to accept and believe in another newly-developed wonder—the liquefaction of air. It must not be supposed, however, that because this process has only lately been brought before the public that it is altogether a new thing. As was the case with the X ray, the liquefaction of air has long been a partially solved problem. For at least thirty years scientific men have thought and made experiments upon this subject. Pictet, Wroblewski, Olzewski, Dewar, Linde, have all won renown by their studies and experiments in converting various gases into liquids, and several of them have succeeded in producing liquid air; but in so small quantities and at so great expense as to be valueless to commerce. It is said that in these preliminary efforts liquid air cost as much as \$2,500 for a quantity ranging from a cupful to a quart.

Mr. Chas. E. Trippler of New York has lately, after several years of experimental work, developed a process for the economical liquefaction of air in large quantities and at a comparatively small cost. Mr. Trippler's process is based upon the well-known fact that if a gas be compressed and then allowed suddenly to expand, it absorbs the heat of the surrounding medium, thereby producing intense cold. In this method air is subjected to a pressure of two thousand pounds to the square inch, passed through a coil and permitted to issue from a needle-point orifice. There it expands and cools. This cold stream of air circulates round a second coil through which compressed air is flowing, reducing the temperature of the latter. The air issuing from this second coil has its temperature lowered to a point due to its own expansion plus the cold imparted from the first expanded and extremely cold air from the expansion. The second coil is used similarly to a third coil, the air in which is brought down to a temperature of 312 degrees Fahrenheit and below, at which it condenses and flows from the end of the coil in a liquid stream.

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The first one I open is from Ethel B. Lea, Tiskilwa, Ills., who, after speaking her mind about silly girls and the "beauty" questions they ask, wants to know if it is better to sleep with the head elevated or level. Level is very good; an elevation of an inch or two is not bad. Propped up as some people sleep is bad, though most of the people, who have passed their three score and ten, sleep that way.

Frankie and Lizzie, Cowan, Tenn.—Girls of sixteen should not "accept gentlemen's company." An engaged girl of any age may accept the attention of other men as long as her fiancé does not object. But she usually does not care to. No, don't speak to soldiers or any other men without proper introduction.

Mai, M., Lang, Kans.—A nice present for a young man is a cane, a scarf pin, some silver trinket for his desk or pocket. (2) The kind of a young man would determine. (3) Don't say "gentleman friends," because it is not the thing among those who are in authority. That is reason enough. (4) Do not flirt with the young man you are trying to get rid of. Accept the attentions of other men to his exclusion is a better way. Some men, though, cannot be driven off with a club. Send him this notice marked.

M. W., Wallaceburg, Ark.—A young lady may go buggy riding in the country with a young man. (2) The man must write first. (3) Yes, go to church with the young man alone. (4) Certainly if she loves the man and he loves her and tells her so, she must tell him. (5) Be very careful in your choice of a man that your parents object to.

Cornelia and Edith, Warren, Ark.—Girls of sixteen should not take nine mile surrey rides with young men at night unless they have a chaperon.

Millie Trent, Donaldsonville, La.—How can you possibly ask a young man to call on you when you do not have a speaking acquaintance with him?

Ethel and Irene, Henryville, Ind.—The hair is blond. (2) At nearly any drugstore you can get an almanac with a floral dictionary in it.

Too Shy, Winnipeg, Man.—A girl of nineteen should wait till she is twenty-one before she marries. If the man insists on your marrying now, you will have a great deal more trouble with him before one of you dies. I don't much like your young man if he wants you to be more forward than you are. Modesty is one of woman's sweetest traits.

Cousin Lillie, Joliet, Ills.—The hair is baby blond. Mattie Bronser, Dover, Ind.—The very prettiest, inexpensive wedding presents are those in the various little articles of silver for the toilet, or desk, or table, or pocket.

Goldendrod, Praha, N. D.—There is no known reason why you or any woman should change her mind in the matter of loving. Men likewise. The best thing for you to do is to wait for a year to be sure that you do not love him. Mistakes sometimes follow haste, either in marrying or not marrying.

Bessie Babb, Cedar Grove, Tenn.—Thank you for the pleasant letter. As the dear old lady says, the world is in too great a hurry.

Josephine, Booneville, N. C.—A man of thirty-six is just the right age for a girl of twenty-four and you are silly to think of throwing him over because other girls say he is old. Marry him and be happy.

Atlanta, Glenlynn, Miss.—Dumas is considered standard. He is not "Unexceptionable" as you say. No mortal is. There are better books for girls than Dumas. (2) It is the proper thing to meet under your own roof. And tell him too that you are glad to see him there. That is hospitality. It is not under all circumstances correct for the lady to shake hands with strangers.

Bab, Duval, Fla.—Send the young soldier in Cuba a pretty match safe or a little silver pencil. Let it be something to carry in his pocket. The same answer applies to Popsy's question.

Rosebud, Marion, Ind.—Yes, true love is jealous, but not foolishly so. (2) A girl should never marry before she is twenty-one, and better, wait till she is twenty-five. (3) Only under extraordinary circumstances should a girl marry against her parents' wishes or in accordance with them. She should marry to suit herself or not marry as may be better. (4) An engagement should be short; that is less than a year. There ought to be at least seven years between a man and woman. (5) All days are alike for marrying except Sunday. The superstitions about days are foolish.

The Twins, North Judson, Ind.—Stamp collectors find the same pleasure in their collections that any other person does in any treasure he possesses. (2) The woman who marries because she loves the man stands a far better chance for happiness, rich or poor. Don't marry for money and happiness too. (3) It is not necessary for either to speak of starting when an escort calls for the lady he is to take. The thing to do is to go. Would you expect to sit there all night waiting for each other to start?

Sorrowful, Morristown, Ind.—Two years is the proper time to wear mourning for father or mother. White may be worn after a year, or even earlier if the wearer is young. Second mourning follows the black. White and black is not exclusively for widows. (2) You should not ask a guest at your table to say grace unless you know he is accustomed to do so.

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WINTER begins when the Sun touches his lowest point south of the Equator, which occurs this year at about two o'clock in the afternoon of the 21st day of December. At that moment of time the 14th degree of Taurus is on the eastern horizon and the 27th degree of Capricorn is culminating. The Moon is just above the horizon in the east; the Sun and Mercury are conjoined on the 9th cusp; Saturn is in the 8th; Herschel is conjoined with Venus in the 7th; Jupiter has set in the west and Mars is in the 4th, retrograde.

The New and Full Moon in December are eclipses. That of December 13, 1898, is a partial eclipse of the Sun and that of December 27, 1898, is a total eclipse of the Moon. The Sun is eclipsed in the 22nd degree of Sagittarius and the Moon is eclipsed in the 7th degree of Cancer.

The figures for the different phenomena do not show as favorably as could be wished. All point to increased mortality from heart, lung and liver diseases, and that of the last days of the year shows quite a degree of excitement in the land on account of increased prevalence of eruptive diseases among children. Particular vigilance is urged upon the sanitary authorities of our country, on this account, and also with reference to the health of the army. There are indications of some kind of an epidemic trouble among horses.

Mars retrograding in Leo at this indicative of strife and disorder involving the army; gives dry atmospheres and unusual heat for the season of the year, likely to give us a "green Christmas" and increase of feverish or eruptive diseases and many sudden deaths from heart disease, and unusual losses of property by fire and explosion.

Mars also points to some unusual excitement in France and Italy. The Church suffers some great loss, the clergy meets with opposition or loses some of the leading members. Mars stirs up animosities and gives violent disorder if not the sudden death of some illustrious persons in both France and Italy. The constituted authorities should be unusually alert against violence from anarchists or fanatics.

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1898.

DECEMBER 1—Thursday. This month begins with quite an unfortunate day. The patience is short and the combative principle in man is peculiarly active and violence and contention are likely; matters now begin to prove disappointing and result either in failure or dissatisfaction; important matters are best postponed. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday let special vigilance be exercised as this time is approached and passed for the avoidance, so much as possible, of sudden deaths and misfortunes. Persons so born or who were born about the 15th of January, 25th of May, 18th of July, or 25th of November, of past years, should particularly show these days in the beginning of the winter months for making any important beginning in their lives and be particularly watchful not to give cause for rupture of present existing business relations; should keep out of the way of harm from explosions, fires, machinery and animals; should favor themselves as to digestion and be prudent in their daily ventures.

2—Friday. Watch well thine expenditures of this day, being sure that necessity rather than whim prompts disbursements; the afternoon is the better part of the day.

3—Saturday. Begin thine exertions of this day with its dawn and urge all general business vigorously, pushing sales to the utmost; the day is peculiarly fortunate for contracts concerning building or for hiring or purchasing houses or lands, also for dealings in agricultural products and implements, building materials, and metal ores; have surgical operations performed, consult thy dentist, institute legal proceedings; buy machinery; employ mechanics; and deal in hardware, artistic goods, chemicals and with cutlery, tailors, and all workers in metal or glass; choose the day generally for making beginnings in these classes of undertakings.

4—Sunday. One of the best Sabbath days of the month, especially so for the good and prosperity of church matters and for religious and moral improvement.

5—Monday. A fair day for literary work not concerned with poetry or the fine arts; the day does not favor the light and elegant occupations nor mould any unimpaired engagement be formed at this time; dealings in fancy or artistic goods are best deferred.

6—Tuesday. An evil day for making commencement of any important work, particularly if it concerns real estate or mining. It is not favorable as a birthday anniversary and all persons claiming it or who were born about the 5th of March, June, or September, of past years, should be careful of serious pecuniary losses or impairments of health for several weeks to come; to many of these the mind or reflect discredit upon the reputation. Many ladies so born have anxiety or unhappiness through the male sex; broken engagements or estrangements in parental or conjugal relations are likely to be now found in the experience of many are among the common effects of these conditions and ladies above indicated. The male sex so born should be unusually careful in the matter of credit, and diligent and faithful in forwarding and protecting the interests of those for whom they are acting, and very cautious not to give cause for business ruptures; many annoying disappointments are threatened to them during the winter months and they should beware of making changes in their business in such months. It will be better to "bear with the ills they have than to fly to others they know not of."

7—Wednesday. A more favorable day generally, though preferences are urged for the elegant pursuits; conditions encourage special activity in dealings in fancy goods, jewelry, perfumes, silks, and all articles of beauty and adornment; literary matters are not favored and correspondence of consequence is best postponed for a day or two.

8—Thursday. One of the best days of the month; bargain for lands and houses; make contracts for their improvement and deal with aged persons, the agricultural classes, and mechanics; surgical operations and chemical experiments generally succeed; consult thy dentist; travel, and trade in cattle, machinery, hardware, and cutlery; buy goods for trade and seek money accommodations.

9—Friday. Push business vigorously on this day; seek money accommodations; buy goods to sell again and transact business with bankers, lawyers, judges, and public functionaries.

10—Saturday. An evil day; form no hasty conclusions in business; litigation and contention are likely to interfere seriously with the happy outcome of affairs of magnitude or importance; now begun; be not rash in thought or act and scrutinize carefully all business enterprises now presenting themselves; the afternoon hours are the best, but otherwise more than the ordinary amount of precaution is urged; bridle thy temper, keep out of quarrels and contentions and look out for fires. REGULUS cannot too strongly impress upon the minds of all persons so born about the 25th of January, or April; the 2nd day of August, or November, or the 11th day of March, June, September or December, of past years, the necessity for extreme caution in all their ventures in these passing weeks; let all such avoid, as much as possible, the chances for fires and contentions, also all acts inducing hurts and inflammations; the conditions are

peculiarly unfavorable for children having such birthdays, being highly conducive to eruptive and acute febrile diseases; special care should be had for the prevention of scarlet fever, measles, chicken pox, diphtheria and all others of the class of eruptive troubles for two or three months to come; such diseases should be promptly treated at their first appearance and they should be jealously watched as they are likely to be unusually severe; it is to be hoped that conditions shall not be permitted to produce disease of epidemic proportions.

11—Sunday. A favorable Sabbath day.

12—Monday. Give preference to the forenoon for urging thy several ventures, but the progress of matters will be seriously checked as the day advances and the afternoon should not be taken for inaugurating any new enterprise; be sure to avoid any transaction connected with houses or lands or with persons concerned in business of such character.

13—Tuesday. Partial Eclipse of the Sun in early morning. Make no beginning in any matter of magnitude.

14—Wednesday. Begin early and improve every moment of this day for engagements with persons in the intellectual and literary pursuits. Aspirants for literary honors should make principal efforts at this time and take important steps of all kinds looking to their advancement and profit. Make intellectual efforts of magnitude, concern thyself with matters of study and education, make contracts and travel.

15—Thursday. Be in no haste to begin thy labors of this day and give preferences as much as possible, to the artistic pursuits; deal in fancy wares and articles of apparel, musical goods, and jewelry.

16—Friday. The middle hours of the day call for patience and suggest a bridle for the tongue and passions; have care in handling fire-arms, combustibles, and dangerous chemicals. Some bad fires, explosions and accidents are now likely.

17—Saturday. This is a fortunate day for all honorable pursuits; buy goods for trade; seek favor from persons in public office or in authority and conduct negotiations concerning money and with persons of wealth and prominence.

18—Sunday. An excellent day for improvement of the mind and for proper appreciation of the merits of literary productions; the day is not favorable for dealing with persons much advanced in years.

19—Monday. An indifferent day, discouraging applications for favor from public officials and the doing of things pertaining to houses and lands; look sharp at the expenditures at this time.

20—Tuesday. Push all business vigorously during this day, but particularly as to matters pertaining to the mechanical pursuits and trades; travel, trade in cattle and metals, and deal with chemists, physicians, military men, and cutlery; electricians and persons in the inventive and ingenious pursuits are particularly favored.

21—Wednesday. Choose this day for urging all honorable business to the utmost; for buying goods for trade and money transactions generally; give preference to the forenoon hours for effecting engagements of consequence pertaining to houses and land or their improvement; also for dealing with farmers, contractors, and builders, plumbers, ship-joiners and in agricultural implements and products.

22—Thursday. Be up before the Sun and employ every moment of the day until four in the afternoon; literary labors are performed with more facility from midnight till the noon of this day; have more than usual care in all money transactions and do not indulge in speculation in the afternoon hours, and see that loss from fire or explosion is not induced by carelessness as the day draws to its close.

23—Friday. Choose the first two-thirds of this day for literary pursuits and mental labors; do important correspondence and press sales of goods; as the day closes however, more mischievous and evil conditions prevail.

24—Saturday. A very favorable day generally for the pursuit of business and especially for dealings with public officials and persons of prominence in large corporations; domestic and musical matters are adversely affected in the evening.

25—Sunday. Christmas. The morning is excitable and patience and moderation are admonished; otherwise the day has an abundance of benevolence and conduces to the enjoyment of religious and moral elevation and intellectual improvement.

26—Monday. Have no dealings in real estate in the morning hours; avoid speculation during the middle of the day, and be careful what you sign during the last hours of the day when literary matters meet hindrance and embarrassments.

27—Tuesday. Total Eclipse of Moon. Give preference to the forenoon for transactions with bankers and persons of means, and in money negotiations of all kinds.

28—Wednesday. The conditions do not encourage dealings with mechanics or with persons in the dirty avocations or with real estate men, contractors, or shipwrights.

29—Thursday. The day is favorable for urging commercial transactions and such as depend upon mental labor; the early hours are especially favorable for literary matters and for prosecution of mathematical and scientific studies; let contracts affecting legal and educational matters be made; the evening is less fortunate.

30—Friday. Look to the purse in the forenoon; loan no money and gauge thine expenditures by thine actual needs; do not speculate, particularly by buying railway or mining stocks or shares; some unusual losses are apprehended for this time or some extraordinary misfortune in the financial world is apprehended for about this time; see that no chance is given for destructive fires and great losses therefrom in these passing weeks.

31—Saturday. The month closes with one of the best days for prosecution of commercial business; REGULUS particularly urges his friends in the intellectual pursuits to press their several vocations to the utmost and recommends the day equally for the merchant, tradesman and traveller; for change of residence and dealings with printers, bookbinders, stationers, real estate men and bankers; the mind will be empty, the heart will be content; let judges weigh testimony and decide important cases and lawyers take initiatory steps and urge proceedings in litigation of magnitude.

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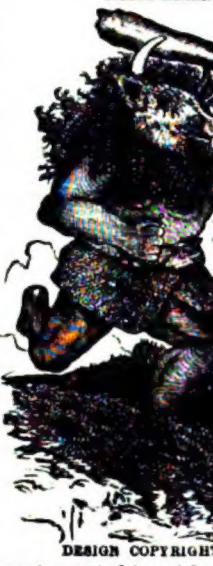
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Whitelaw Reid is one of the best known members of the prominent peace commission who are to settle the difficult questions arising in this great war for principle. Like many men who have attained success, he claims the Buckeye State his birthplace. October 27, 1837, Xenia, Ohio, spell the alphabet of time and place for his birth. He is best known to Americans as the proprietor and editor-in-chief of the *New York Tribune* which position he has held since 1872. In his early youth he served the usual American apprenticeship at school teaching as superintendent of the graded schools in South Charleston, Ohio. When the Republican party was organized in 1856, he joined its ranks and "stumped" the State for Fremont the first nominee of the Republican party. At about this time he bought the *Xenia News* and in that paper he urged the nomination of Lincoln in 1860. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was City Editor of the *Cincinnati Gazette* but left his editorial duties to join the staff of General Morris in West Virginia. Later in the war he served on the staff of Gen. Rosecrans. During his service as a staff officer he furnished war news to his *Cincinnati* paper. For five years he was Librarian of the House of Representatives leaving that position in 1868 to become again a member of the editorial staff of the *Cincinnati Gazette*. Late in that same year he found Horace Greeley on the editorial staff of the *Tribune* and ever since that time he has been prominently identified with the great Republican newspaper. He has been offered the United States Mission at Berlin twice but each time declined the honor. In 1889, he became Minister to France and did much effective work for this country in securing a repeal of the French laws which prohibited the importation of meat from the United States. He resigned in 1892 returning to this country to receive the honor of a nomination to the vice-presidency. He was our special ambassador at the Queen's Jubilee in 1897. Mr. Reid's long experience in affairs, his knowledge of the situation and his personality make his appointment to this most important office a peculiarly fitting one.

Hall Caine is one of the prominent novelists of the world. It is three years ago since he was here in the interest of the international copyright law and these years have steadily added to his reputation. Hall Caine is the son of a blacksmith who had risen to the rank of a skilled ship mechanic. The first book that the boy remembers reading was one on the German Reformation with the lives of Luther and Melancthon. It was a ponderous book both in context and size but the boy carried it to the harvest field and pored over it with intense interest in the theological discussion. Once he actually lighted a candle so that he might finish the work. Candles were a forbidden luxury and he was severely reprimanded by his aunt with the words, "Candles! Candles! Wasting candles on men reading!" He seems to have been a serious boy with little interest in boyish games or sports but with an intense devotion to books. In fact the vein of tragic gloomy reality that pervades his books seems to have marked the boy. He attended school in Liverpool when his most marked characteristic was a fondness for reading Shakespeare. This he was often asked to do aloud and those readings caused him intense nervous agony. Books on history, philosophy, and theology were his favorite readings. He learned "by heart" the speeches of great parliamentary orators and these he would re-write from memory. At the age of fifteen he left school and was apprenticed to a land surveyor and architect. He showed no talent for this profession other than an ability to draw. A school geography published in England contains a map drawn by Hall Caine when he was but thirteen years of age. His first written work was a Life of Joseph written for a school competition. It was too long and so was not read by the committee. Before he wrote this he did as he always has since, read everything

that could be found on the subject. He reads as he says "a whole library for each chapter." He soon drifted into magazine and newspaper work but his articles were deep and serious in tone. Rossetti urged him to become a dramatist. In view of this it is interesting to note that his late novel *The Christian* is dramatized and has been presented this fall in New York with great success. *The Shadow of a Crime* is one of his earliest novels and it was the dramatic possibilities in this book that led Rossetti to urge Hall Caine to become a dramatist. To this friend he also owes the suggestion that he should become the novelist of the Isle of Man. Manxland is world known now through the portrayals of Caine. He says himself of his method of writing that he writes the book in his head before he puts pen to paper. He visits every place that he describes, reads every book that relates to the subject. Around the central idea the incidents group rapidly. At five he awakens and goes over the chapter in his head. By seven he has it composed and then he spends an hour in revising it. Then he arises and writes it from memory as fast as his pen can move. He writes upon scraps of paper held on his knee. The rest of the day is spent walking, or lounging, but with his mind concentrated upon the book. He rarely writes more than fifteen hundred words a day. Among his best known books are *The Scapgoat*, *A Son of Hagar*, *The Deemster*, *The Roddsman* and *The Christian*. There is an utter lack of humor in his writing but a strongly dramatic turn and an inflexible determination to show moral cause and effect that renders them fascinating in a gloomy way.

The truth of the sentiment, "French history is always dramatic" is proven again and again by the incidents of French history. No incident since the mystery of the Man in the Iron Mask has arrested public attention more than the Dreyfus affair.

The French Government seems about to be overturned through the matter and the whole civilized world is interested in the result.

Albert Dreyfus is an Alsatian Jew who was a captain in the 14th Regiment of Artillery in the French Army. He was detailed for services at the Information Bureau of the Minister of War. On October 15, 1894 he was arrested under the weighty charge of having sold secrets to a foreign power. A French detective claimed that he had found an incriminating letter at the German embassy in the handwriting of Dreyfus. Public sentiment in France had been aroused against the Jews through the columns of *Libre Parole*. Dreyfus had a brief military trial and was degraded from his rank and ordered to be imprisoned for life on Devil's Island which is a penal settlement off the coast of French Guiana. Here he lives in a hut, surrounded by an iron cage and receiving only such letters and news as passes through the hands of his jailors. He has asserted his innocence from the first. His wife has never ceased in her effort to obtain a new trial, and tragic and dramatic interest of the affair has continued to develop in spite of the refusal of the ministry to grant a new trial. The suicide of Col. Henry, with his admission that part of the evidence on which Dreyfus was condemned was forged, has led to a crisis in the government of France. It seems now that the trial must be re-opened. In the meantime Dreyfus is probably ignorant of the tide which has turned in his favor.



Ishbel, Lady Aberdeen, does not need her hereditary title or her high official rank to give her a place among the foremost women of the century. "She is a good woman" said Cardinal Manning of her and it is this goodness united with great executive ability that has made the name of Lady Aberdeen world known. She is Scotch and traces her name and ancestry back to the days when King Robert the Bruce gave a grant of



land to his daughter Marjorie upon her marriage to a commoner. The family name Marjoribanks came from this fact and Ishbel Marjoribanks is a worthy descendant of the daughter of a king. She first saw Lord Aberdeen when she was but eleven years of age and in 1877 she became Lady Aberdeen. Among her most cherished possessions are a set of little silver coffee cups presented to her by General Gordon. She passed her honeymoon in Egypt and while going up the Nile met General Gordon. Lord Aberdeen is the head of the Gordon Clan and Gen. Gordon came to pay his respects to him as the head of his house. Lord and Lady Aberdeen entered at once upon their philanthropic schemes, for during their honeymoon they formally adopted five children. One of these, an Egyptian, was brought to England to be educated and is now a missionary in China. Lady Aberdeen began her work as an organizer by forming among the poor people on her estates in Aberdeenshire the "Onward and Upward Society." This society now has about 9000 members throughout the world. It has been called a combination of the Young Woman's Christian Association, Working Girls' Club and the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Association. Lady Aberdeen claims descent from the O'Neils of Ireland and during the brief time that she inhabited the vice-regal palace at Dublin she became much interested in the Irish Industries Association. The Irish village at the World's Fair in Chicago was the outcome of Lady Aberdeen's effort to interest the public in Irish manufactures. The Irish lace in particular attracted much attention and forty-seven medals were awarded to the displays of the Irish village. The Woman's Liberal Federation with its 80,000 members has claimed Lady Aberdeen as its President. Lady Aberdeen believes firmly in woman's suffrage and is thoroughly interested in all the political problems of the day. The Liberal Federation was formed to sustain the interest of the Liberal Party but it has widened its sphere of active interest in all great questions of the day. Whatever questions may arise in regard to the industrial field for women find a sympathetic student in Lady Aberdeen. She is interested in all questions that bear upon the advancement of the race and is particular in all schemes relating to the development of opportunities for women. Lord and Lady Aberdeen were honored guests at Chautauqua during the past summer and many thousands of American women will regret Lady Aberdeen's departure from America.

Two of the great portrait painters of France have recently visited America—Boldini and Carolus Duran. The latter artist has become a great social lion and between the intervals of his portrait painting he has indulged his fondness for social attention. He can well afford to take some recreation for the prices charged for his work are enormous even in these days of substantial recognition of art. His charges are, for a full size bust \$4000, for three-quarters length and for full length \$8,000, for a child's portrait, a life size bust \$3,000, three-quarter length \$4,000, full length \$5,000. For mother and child three-quarter length \$10,000, full length \$14,000. An American artist said of Duran "He is the most radical of French painters having created a French Revolution of his own in painting." Duran's motto is "Paint from life, imagination is a fool. There is nothing so beautiful as nature." Duran is sixty-one but in that time he has conquered the world of art. His real name is Charles Auguste Emile Durand. His father was a horse dealer of Lille, while his mother kept a Cafe that was patronized by the students. Their gifted son was born upon our nation's birthday in 1837. He began his art studies under Souchon director of the Art school of Lille. Duran worked his way on and from Paris went to Spain and Italy. Since then his course has been steadily upward. He is a genre and portrait painter and also a sculptor. In 1866, 1869 and 1870 he took first class medals; after receiving other medals he became a



Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and in 1878 an officer of the Legion of Honor—one of the highest artistic distinctions in France. Among his best-known pictures are, *Evening Prayer*, *The Victim of an Assassination*, *St. Francis of Assisi*, *A Child on the Banks of the Tagus*, *A Future Doge*, *A Burial* and *A Vision*. His later work has been mainly in the line of portraits and many wealthy American women have gone to Paris in order that Duran might paint their portraits. His wife is the sister of a famous French actress Sophie Croizette. One of his first great successes was his portrait of his beautiful wife. He is a great teacher as well as a great artist and has numbered among his pupils men who had already attained distinction, but who aspired to learn the secret of the method that had raised Duran to his lonely altitude. Duran has been kept busy since his arrival in America. Posterity will know him best as the painter of beautiful women and children and of all the array of rich and delicate stuff that he loves to put in his portraits.

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